

STARS AND STRIPES[®]

**Women who know
how to rock
after motherhood**

Page 19

Singer Annie Lennox

**NFC champion
Panthers
fall in opener**

Back page



**Pitcher arrested
for throwing
chair at fans**

Page 26

Rangers' Frank Francisco

Volume 2, No. 158 © EPSS 2004 MIDEAST EDITION WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Iraqi police targeted in wave of violence

Car bomb, gun attack leave at least 59 dead in Baghdad, Baqouba Page 3

ESPN takes the action to Kuwait



**Troops
pack stage
to watch live
broadcast of
'SportsCenter'**

Page 5

ESPN "SportsCenter" anchor Steve Levy reports on the redeployment of part of the 1st Infantry Division back to Fort Riley, Kan. The unit has spent the past year in the war zone and was able to take part in a live "SportsCenter" broadcast from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Remember to
thank your
Command
for today's
copy of Stars
and Stripes.



Your Stars and Stripes is
now printed and
delivered locally from
Kuwait, Iraq, and Qatar
giving you up-to-date
daily news, sports and
entertainment.

Without the assistance
of local commands,
your friends and fellow
soldiers would be
isolated without news
from home.

Contact
Stars and Stripes
circulation with
questions about
delivery at
49-6155-601-455
DSN: 349-8455

To contact a reporter
in the field, email
lraq@mail.estripes.osd.mil

STARS AND STRIPES
Your Hometown Newspaper

News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Peterson trial: Testimony in Scott Peterson's murder trial again turned to evidence collected by police during the early stages of the investigation, with a criminalist admitting that little blood has been found in the Peterson home.

Pin Kyo, a state Department of Justice criminalist, told jurors she found no blood on two mops and a bucket seized from the Petersons' home. Prosecutors have implied Peterson used the mops to clean the murder scene, but have presented no evidence to support that theory.

Paula Jones lawsuit: A judge on Monday tossed out a claim by Paula Jones that a real estate tycoon owes her \$1 million he had promised if she dropped her lawsuit against President Clinton.

U.S. District Judge Peter Leisure wrote that he concluded Jones agreed not to accept the \$1 million from Abe Hirschfeld during her settlement negotiations with Clinton.

In her lawsuit, Jones had claimed that Hirschfeld's public promise of \$1 million "was still on the table" even as she settled with Clinton in November 1998 for \$850,000.

Ten Commandments judge: Ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore contends judges have overstepped their authority in religious expression cases, but his bid to reverse the trend continues to move slowly at best, despite his personal pleas to Congress.

Making his second appearance before Congress in just over three months, Moore on Monday defended the Constitution Restoration Act, which he helped write, before a House Judiciary Committee panel on courts, the Internet and intellectual property.

With a divided Congress and no indication of support from the White House, it's unclear how soon — if ever — lawmakers could act on his plan.

Fingerprint analysis error: The Justice Department has launched two internal investigations into the arrest of Oregon lawyer Brandon Mayfield, who was detained by the FBI earlier this year because of a faulty fingerprint analysis that wrongly linked him to the deadly terrorist bombings in Madrid, according to a report released Monday.

Inspector General Glenn A. Fine is investigating the FBI's conduct in the case, including whether Mayfield was targeted in part because of his Muslim beliefs, according to a report to Congress released by Fine's office. The FBI publicly apologized to Mayfield in May.

World

Princess Diana's death: A Paris appeals court on Tuesday upheld the acquittals of three photographers accused of invasion of privacy after they took pictures of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed at the scene of their deadly crash.



Afghanistan presidential race: Presidential candidate Massooda Jalal, right, greets a woman after her speech Tuesday during campaigning for the Oct. 9 election in Kabul. Jalal is campaigning in Afghanistan's first direct presidential vote, a crucial step in the war-torn nation's troubled transition to democracy after a fall of the Taliban nearly three years ago.

Jacques Langevin, Christian Martinez and Fabrice Chassery were first acquitted last November. Fayed's father, Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed Al Fayed, filed an appeal, which was rejected Tuesday by the Paris court.

"Photos like that are taken every day in every country in the world," Langevin said. "The judges were courageous. Justice has been done — for the moment."

Sept. 11 trial: A new witness in the retrial of the only Sept. 11 suspect ever convicted says he saw the defendant with the Hamburg-based suicide pilots four months before the 2001 attacks, a judge said Tuesday.

The witness, a restaurant owner, told investigators he saw defendant Moumin el Motassadeq with hijackers Mohamed Atia, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah at his establishment on May 1, 2001, Presiding Judge Ernst-Rainer Schutt said. The statement contradicts el Motassadeq's contention that he last saw Atia in May 2000.

Israeli settlements: Senior Israeli Cabinet ministers on Tuesday approved the payment of cash advances to Jewish settlers who will be removed from their homes under Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

The 9-1 vote in the Security Cabinet marked the government's first concrete step toward the withdrawal and gave a boost to Sharon, who faces growing opposition. He also rejected a rival's call to hold a national referendum on the Gaza pullout.

Milosevic on trial: Slobodan Milosevic's court-imposed defense lawyer told the U.N. tribunal in The Hague on Tuesday he will ask for a suspension of hearings until an ap-

peals chamber has considered overturning his appointment at the request of the former Yugoslav president.

As the Milosevic defense case moved into its second week, British attorney Steven Kay told the three-judge tribunal he intended to file an appeal against his own appointment as defense counsel.

Serbia assassination: A paramilitary unit accused of assassinating Serbia's pro-democracy prime minister, Zoran Djindjic, possessed the type of a sniper rifle used in the murder, a former member of the unit said Monday.

Nenad Sare's assertion to the Belgrade court was the most incriminating testimony against prime suspect Milorad Lukovic since the trial started last December.

Sare, who was Lukovic's chief bodyguard, said his former commander acquired the rifle with a sniper scope about a year before Djindjic was assassinated in March 2003.

War on terrorism

Ruling in Moussaoui case: The nation's only Sept. 11-related case moved closer to trial, with the 4th Circuit Court in Richmond, Va., ruling that reaffirmed the government's right to seek Zacarias Moussaoui's execution but protected his access to favorable statements from al-Qaida leaders.

The opinion Monday appeared to give Moussaoui's lawyers their first chance to submit questions to three al-Qaida terrorist leaders who made statements to interrogators that could help Moussaoui avoid execution. Some of those statements said Moussaoui, who was arrested nearly a month before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, was not to be part of the suicide hijackings.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Corrections

■ In the Aug. 28 edition, the caption for the photo that appeared with a story about the Coast Guard's efforts to recruit ex-Navy servicemen misidentified Carson Corbin. He is in the Coast Guard.

Also, his weapon is an M-60 machine gun. Its bullet size is 7.62

mm (.308 caliber).

■ A story in Sunday's editions about airmen deploying from Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany misidentified the Air and Space Expeditionary Force.



Read Stripes online at

www.stripes.com

STARS AND STRIPES
Your Hometown Newspaper

Baghdad, Baqouba violence kills at least 59

BY SAMEER N. YACOB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A car bomb Tuesday ripped through a busy street near a Baghdad police headquarters where Iraqis were waiting to apply for jobs on the force, and gunmen opened fire on a van carrying police home from work in Baqouba, killing at least 59 people total and wounding at least 114.

In the western city of Ramadi, clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents killed at least eight civilians and wounded 18 on Tuesday, medical officials said. Ramadi is a predominantly Sunni Muslim city where anti-American sentiments are high and U.S. troops and bases in the region come under almost daily attacks.

Also Tuesday, the military said three American soldiers were killed and eight others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq in the past 24 hours.

Two American soldiers were killed and three others wounded when they came under attack from an improvised explosive device and small arms fire in Baghdad on Monday at around 4:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, one Task Force Olympia soldier was killed and five were injured when their patrol was attacked with small-arms fire in the northeastern city of Mosul.

The attacks in Baghdad and Baqouba were the latest attempts by insurgents to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many towns and cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January. The U.S. has been pushing, headed by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the car bomb, which exploded by a busting row of shops and cafes and left a gaping 10-foot crater.



A woman breaks down near the site of a massive explosion that killed 47 people outside a Baghdad police station. The attack was insurgents' latest attempt to disrupt U.S.-backed efforts to build a strong Iraqi police force capable of taking over security in many cities ahead of nationwide elections slated for January.

The blast devastated buildings and gutted cars near the western Baghdad police headquarters on Haifa Street, an insurgent enclave that has been the scene of fierce clashes with U.S. troops. Though the attack apparently targeted police, many of the 47 dead were people shopping or having a morning meal.

Paramedics and residents picked up scattered body parts and put them into boxes. Anguished men lifted bodies burned beyond recognition and lay them gently on stretchers. Helicopters circled.

The bomb was inside a Toyota vehicle parked near the market and a short distance down the road from the police headquarters, which was closed to traffic, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdel-Rahman.

Angry crowds of young men pumped their fists in the air and

denounced President Bush and interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, saying they had failed to protect Iraqis.

Others, however, directed their anger at the militants.

"Such acts cannot be considered part of the resistance (against American forces). This is not a jihad, they are not mujahideen," said Amir Abdel Hassan, a 41-year-old teacher. "Iraq is not a country, it's a big graveyard."

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on an Islamic Web site.

In Baqouba, gunmen in two cars opened fire Tuesday on a van carrying policemen home from work, killing 11 officers and a civilian, said Qaisar Hamid of Baqouba General Hospital.

The attack occurred as the policemen were returning to their station after being told a trip

to a training camp was postponed, an officer said on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. military said the policemen killed were members of the Criminals Investigation Divisions, which investigates internal crimes in the police.

It was at least the second recent attack on Baqouba security forces. On July 28, a car bomb exploded outside a police recruiting center in the eastern, Sunni-dominated city, killing at least 68 people.

Attacks on Iraqi security forces and police officers — seen as collaborators by militants — have killed hundreds of people since insurgents began a 17-month campaign to expel U.S.-led forces and destabilize Allawi's government.

From April 2003 to May 2004, 710 Iraqi police were killed out of a total force of 130,000 officers, authorities said. Until then, police say, an officer's death was nearly always from natural causes.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, 1,012 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 764 died as a result of hostile action and 248 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 18; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 871 U.S. military members have died — 652 as a result of hostile action and 219 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Monday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths were reported. The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Pfc. Jason P. Poindester, 20, San Angelo, Texas, died Sunday in Anbar province, Iraq, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Pfc. Jason P. Poindester, 20, San Angelo, Texas, died Sunday in Anbar province, Iraq, assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Iraq asks nations to send troops to protect U.N. staff at elections

BY EDITOR M. LEDEKER
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq appealed Tuesday to the world's nations to send troops to protect an expanded U.N. staff essential for holding the country's first free elections by Jan. 31, saying terrorists must not be allowed to disrupt the vote.

Pointing to the recent upsurge in violence, Iraq's new deputy ambassador, Faisal Amin al-Ishtabadi, told the U.N. Security Council that terrorists are determined to frustrate progress toward elections and the establishment of a democratic government.

"As Iraqis meet each landmark date, particularly as we approach and hold elections, these terrorists know that their days become increasingly numbered," he said. "They work, therefore, now in a frenzy to delay elections."

U.S. Ambassador John Danforth also but ruled out any delay beyond the Jan. 31 deadline for elections in Iraq's interim constitution.

"Let there be no doubt: we are committed to this timetable," he told council members.

The council was meeting to discuss Secretary-General Kofi Annan's latest report on Iraq, which warned that violence could make it more difficult to create the conditions for successful elections.

The top U.N. envoy to Iraq, Ashraf Jhangir Qazi, told the council the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq's interim government on June 28 has not improved security and "the resurgence of the vicious cycle of violence" was halting the process of rebuilding Iraq.

The United Nations is committed to assisting and supporting the Iraqi Electoral Commission in administering, conducting and holding elections — but the extent of its activity will depend primarily on "the security environment," he said.

"The current security environment is far from conducive to the deployment of (U.N.) international staff to Iraq, except in minimal numbers," Qazi stressed.

Al-Ishtabadi told the council the terrorists have had "some success" in achieving one of their "tactical goals" — keeping the United Nations and the world out of Iraq.

But he said Iraq needs technical support from U.N. experts to hold free and fair elections, and the current ceiling of 35 U.N. international staff allowed in the country is inadequate.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said about 200 U.N. staffers would be needed on the ground in Iraq to help conduct elections.

Wounded toll rises

WASHINGTON — More than 200 U.S. troops were wounded in Iraq in the past week, the Pentagon said Tuesday, and the total since the invasion was launched in March 2003 is now 7,245.

Of the 219 wounded in the past week, 81 were returned to duty; the 138 others were not.

The number of Americans killed and wounded has grown rapidly amid an intensifying and increasingly effective insurgency. There were more wounded over the past five months — about 4,000 — than in the first 13 months of the war, when there were about 3,300, according to Pentagon reports.

Powell: Likely no WMD

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is apparently ready to abandon a major reason it gave the world for going to war with Iraq: Saddam Hussein's purported storehouses of chemical and biological weapons the administration said he was prepared to use against the United States.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who made the claim in a dramatic

prewar presentation to a skeptical United Nations in 2003, virtually withdrew it Monday during testimony before the Senate Government Affairs Committee.

Powell said in response to questions from Sen. Susan Collins, Maine Republican, "it turned out that we have not found any stockpiles." Moreover, Powell said, "it seems it is unlikely that we will find any stockpiles."

Powell did not elaborate on what he may have thought went wrong.

Iraqi's NATO visit

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Iraq's interim President Ghazi al-Yawer on Tuesday urged NATO and the European Union to help stop the continuing violence in his country and give expertise in rebuilding his country.

"I found a very understanding gathering," al-Yawer said after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and the alliance's 26 ambassadors.

NATO is debating plans to expand its program to help train Iraq's military.

From The Associated Press

Chaplain finds mission in restoring cemetery

Site neglected after British left Iraqi base

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq — It's unclear when the last Briton visited the cemetery that holds 289 fallen servicemen and civilians at this former Iraqi air base west of Baghdad. But the state of the graves suggests it was long ago.

It also appears to anyone who visits Camp Habbaniyah — occupied by the U.S. Army since early last year — that Iraqis systematically desecrated the graves and defiled a nearby Anglican church.

Now, more than a year after the coalition took control of the base, a soldier from the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment are looking to put things right.

Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Robison, 38, of Grand Prairie, Texas, discovered the British graves and their church after arriving at Camp Habbaniyah last month. Robison did some research and quickly found a Web site set up by Britons who had lived at Habbaniyah.

The site says the cemetery holds the bodies of men who died fighting Iraqis who partnered with Germany during World War II. In May 1941, Camp Habbaniyah — then a Royal Air Force base — was besieged by Iraqi troops, tanks, artillery and aircraft in an effort to cut off the allies' flow of oil from the Middle East.

But the outnumbered RAF forces won an unlikely victory at Habbaniyah in what historians have described as the second Battle of Britain. If the British had lost Iraq's in 1941, at a time when the United States had yet to join the conflict, the course of the war might have changed, according to the Web site.

The Web site says there are 289 graves in the cemetery, with most of those being World War II casualties.

The site even has old pictures showing immaculate grounds full of shady trees and a large monument with a cross standing among the headstones.

The photographs bear scant resemblance to what is there now. The trees have been chopped down and the cross is off the top of the monument.

Crosses on servicemen's headstones and on an arch at the cemetery gate have been chipped away, and many other headstones pulled up and broken. A section of the cemetery containing the graves of hundreds more Iraqi Christians who worked with and fought alongside the British has been vandalized even more brutally.

On a few headstones remain standing and the area has been burned into a blackened wasteland.

It is hard for Robison — as both



A cemetery for British servicemen — many who died fighting the Iraqis during World War II — lies in disrepair after having been long abandoned at Camp Habbaniyah, Iraq, a former British base. Old photographs show the large monument to the left of the picture used to have a cross on top of it, and that tall trees used to grow among the headstones.

PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

a chaplain and a soldier — to see how the graves have been defaced and not be upset with the people who did it, he said. Seeing the fate of the fallen Britons got him thinking about how the United States treats its own war dead, he said.

Thousands of bodies of U.S. soldiers who died in World War I, World War II and the Korean War are buried on foreign soil. But since the Vietnam War, the U.S. military has tried to bring every one of its fallen heroes home. Operation Full Accounting is charged with recovering the remains of U.S. servicemen missing in action overseas and has mounted numerous operations to recover remains in Vietnam, Laos and North Korea.

Why didn't the British government repatriate the remains at Habbaniyah when the RAF left in 1959? Perhaps the British thought they would maintain good relations with the Iraqis just as the United States assumes it will maintain good relations with the French, Robison said.

The highest ranking U.S. officer at Camp Habbaniyah, Col. David Clark, commander of 1-506, said he would welcome any British mission to clean up the cemetery.

The damage to the war graves is not the only change attributed to the former Iraqi occupants of Camp Habbaniyah. The street running alongside the cemetery leads directly to what appears to be a large mosque. The building is in the center of a large traffic circle at the junction of two main roads that form a cross where they meet.

Robison said he was amazed to discover photographs of the building that show it was once an Anglican house of worship named St. George's Church.

The Southern Baptist minister explored the building and found that the Christian symbols that once adorned it had met the same fate as those at the cemetery.

A large stained-glass window overlooking the chancel — near the altar of a church, it was where the deacons or sub-deacons stood



to assist the officiating priest — was smashed and the hole filled in with bricks.

A wooden bible stand remains, along with hooks in the vestry where Anglican priests must have hung their robes.

The Muslims added concrete ornamentation to the outside of the church to make it look like a mosque and built a small shed beside it to perform the ablutions demanded by their faith before worship.

In the old photographs, the church is surrounded by a beautiful garden ringed with tall Eucalyptus trees. The trees are still there but the garden died long ago and all that is left is a tangle of weeds and litter.

Robison's heart broke when he found the church's baptismal font abandoned amongst the weeds.

The lifelong Angliophile has plans to restore the church to its former glory so soldiers can worship there. Most soldiers in Iraq who attend church do so in makeshift chapels, often tents, derelict buildings or plywood shacks. The only facility for worship available for soldiers at Camp Habbaniyah is a large warehouse with a rough concrete floor.

Robison thinks soldiers at Camp Habbaniyah would get a



Signs of neglect, clockwise from top left:

- Many of the crosses have been chipped away, including this one above an arch at the entrance.
- This headstone of a British soldier is one of many that have been ripped up and broken.
- Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Robison found this baptismal font amongst the weeds surrounding an Anglican church that Iraqis converted to a mosque.
- The circle on the wall of the church used to be a stained-glass window, which was filled in with bricks.

lift if they could worship in the church.

"The Anglican churches are high and lofty. You walk in and it is like being lifted up to God's presence. When people walk in here they forget they are in Iraq

and it brings them back to home and lifts them up to God's presence. To be lifted up architecturally here in Habbaniyah blows me away," Robison said.

E-mail: Seth Robson at: robson@spstrides.osd.mil

Kuwait: A center of sports

ESPN show begins airing from Arifjan

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Lights, camera, Arifjan.

More than 500 members of the military crowded a Camp Arifjan warehouse for ESPN's first live "SportsCenter" broadcast from Kuwait, cheering their favorite or jeering their least-favorite teams during the hourlong sports news program Tuesday.

Opening the show was Army Staff Sgt. Teddy Barlow, who held roll call for the assembled units before turning the formation over to "SportsCenter" anchors Steve Levy and Kenny Mayne.

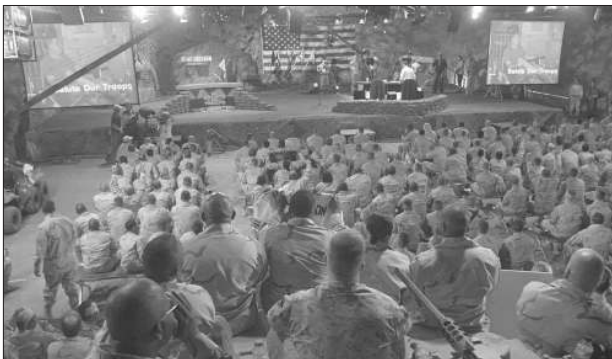
Levy and Mayne covered the weekend's sporting events in their casual, rapid-fire manner, while seated in front of the packed house of desert camouflage-clad soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.

During commercial breaks, anchors and audience traded barbs and jokes.

"I thought they were awesome," Levy said of the spectators after the show. "This is something I'll never forget."

It was also something that the gathered crowd will remember.

"I got my chance to get on camera and be crazy," said Spc. Noah



Members of the military will be able to be a part of the audience during each of five live "SportsCenter" broadcasts by ESPN from Kuwait.

Left: About 500 military members watch the live broadcast from a hangar at Camp Arifjan.

Below: An ESPN cameraman films the troops during the show.

PHOTOS BY
JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

Brown of the 854th Engineer Battalion, "and give a 'shout out to the family back home.'"

During the broadcast, troops held up signs and flags to a handful of cameras in the audience. Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Gawlick held up a sign for his daughter, Nicole, who turned 11 on Tuesday.

Late in the show, nine soldiers and one airman took to the stage to introduce the top 10 plays of the day, which included everything from spectacular baseball catches to surfing dogs, which came in at No. 3.

In addition to professional sports — or, in the surfing dogs' case, not-so-professional sports — "SportsCenter" ran highlights from a Camp Doha, Kuwait, flag football game.

The chance to be on television drew sports fans and not-sports fans alike.

"It was a great experience," said Staff Sgt. Juan Buenrostro of the Fort Riley, Kan.-based Ser-

vice Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment. "It's a good break and a huge morale booster."

Buenrostro and fellow battery members Sgt. Thomas Reust and Sgt. Jared Kiser all agreed that this was a highlight of their return trip home after a year in Iraq.

Sgt. Ann Dooley of the 80th Ordnance Battalion sat on the front row of Army cots that served as audience seating. She said she isn't a sports fan, but wanted to attend anyway.

"This is the first time I've experienced something like this," she said. "I'm impressed. It's neat."

Broadcasting for the military in Kuwait was also neat for Mayne. "We've done stories with the military," he said, "but obviously nothing like this. You sort of feel pressure not to screw it up for them."

"SportsCenter" will do live broadcasts from Kuwait daily through Saturday.

E-mail Jason Chudy at: chudyj@mail.strips.com



458th's engineers prove useful for any task in Iraq

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

"You can't swing a dead cat in Baghdad without hitting a soldier from the 458th," claims the 458th Engineer Battalion's executive officer, Maj. Adam S. Roth.

That may be a stretch, but members of the Army Reserve combat engineer battalion based in Johnstown, Pa., have definitely gotten around since they arrived earlier this year.

"They are the division's 9-1-1 force," said Col. Kendall Cox, engineer brigade commander for the 1st Cavalry Division. "They can do anything that a combination of engineer units can, but they do it as one unit."

The 458th's soldiers have searched and cleared improvised explosive devices from more than 9,000 kilometers of Baghdad-area supply routes, transported more than 83,000 rounds of captured ordnance for destruction, and placed more than 12,000 concrete or dirt-filled barriers around the city for either facility protection or the random road checkpoints that the division's brigade combat teams set up.

They have also left their lasting mark, joining with other engineer units to renovate a mile stretch of Abu Nuwas park on



ENES DULAMI/Stars and Stripes

Spc. Matthew Fox, left, signals to move a concrete barrier after Spc. Sean Stivason hooked the barrier to a crane at Camp Victory, near Baghdad. The two soldiers are from the 458th Engineer Battalion at the camp.

the Tigris River in central Baghdad. "As long as engineers can work they're happy," said battalion Sgt. Maj. James Hall. "They love their stick time."

The battalion also has a heavy rescue

mission, providing a quick response team to find survivors in bombed or collapsed buildings.

Of their 500-plus soldiers deployed to Iraq, 55 percent came from other reserve

units, coming to the battalion within 45 days of deploying.

"We lost 129 soldiers to Operation Iraqi Freedom I," said battalion commander Lt. Col. Dave Chessier about the need for the additional soldiers.

Roth said they have soldiers from nearly all 50 states and every one of the Army's reserve regional readiness commands.

"You'd have thought they'd been together for years," Cox said. "They're absolutely well-trained and prepared for any combat mission we give them."

The unit has been able to accomplish their varied missions, Chessier said, because of the varied background of their reservists. "We've got doctors, lawyers, civilian engineers, architects, therapists," he said. "You name it, we've got it."

A handful of those who deployed to OIF I returned for the battalion's current deployment.

One of those returning is 1st Lt. Noel Milani. He deployed to Kuwait last year with a unit of road builders.

"I'm proud to do it," said the New York City native, whose platoon clears IEDs from supply routes as part of Task Force Iron Claw.

"We're making a difference. We're not only helping the Iraqis, but we're finding the bombs that are aimed at us."

E-mail Jason Chudy at: chudyj@mail.strips.com

Bush to ask Congress to shift Iraq funds

BY ALAN FRAM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration wants Congress' permission to shift nearly \$3.5 billion of the \$18.4 billion in Iraq reconstruction aid to security and counter economic growth, documents submitted to lawmakers show.

The request, which the administration was expected to formally announce Tuesday, underlines how initial plans for rebuilding the country have had to be reshaped to cope with a violent insurrection that has shown little

Request seeks moving aid from public works to security

sign of abating.

The U.S. role in reshaping Iraq is an issue in the presidential campaign, with Democratic candidate John Kerry criticizing President Bush for having inadequate postwar plans for the country.

Bush has defended the invasion but has acknowledged that the administration misjudged how difficult the aftermath might be.

Last April, American officials said the violence was forcing private contractors to spend up to

one-quarter of their funds to provide security for their projects and workers. That was far above initial estimates that such spending would consume 10 percent of the money.

Overall, the administration wants permission to shift \$3.46 billion of the \$18.4 billion that Congress provided last fall for Iraq reconstruction. Because of constraints lawmakers imposed when they originally approved the funds, the White House could

shift only \$800 million of the funds without Congress' approval, the documents said.

The rebuilding money was part of an \$87 billion package for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan that Congress approved and Bush signed last Nov. 6.

In further evidence of how slow progress has been, the administration's latest report to Congress says only \$930 million of the \$18.4 billion for Iraq reconstruction had been spent as of Aug. 28.

The biggest shifts the administration is proposing would take nearly \$2 billion from the \$4.2 billion originally provided for water projects, and \$1.1 billion from the \$5.5 billion approved for the country's electric system. Progress in both areas has been slow.

Instead, security and law enforcement spending would grow by \$1.8 billion, to \$5 billion. Included in the extra funds is money to hire, train and equip 45,000 new police officers; add 20 battalions to the Iraqi National Guard; and improve Iraqi border protection, Iraqi Army special operations and protection of dignitaries.

AF recruiting ads going to silver screen

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Come October, the Air Force will recruit via the silver screen.

Two years after launching an extremely successful television and print ad campaign, the service is taking its advertising campaign to the movie theaters, and boosting its advertising dollars from \$2.5 million to \$23 million for the next year, spokeswoman Lt. Col. Cynthia Scott-Johnson said.

The service unveiled four new advertising spots Monday, replacing the first batch of spots, themed "We've Been Waiting For You," with four new spots that show how teenagers can apply their talents and interests to jobs within the Air Force, Scott-Johnson said.

In this round, the featured airmen are actual Air Force personnel who actually perform the jobs highlighted in the commercials, she said.

One ad features a group of young men lost while snowboarding, who are led back on track by one of them who later becomes a B-1 pilot leading a strike package.

In a second, a police officer approaches a young teen loitering on a street corner, shines a high-powered light and calls the teen to the cruiser.

When the teen pokes his head into the car, the officer complains that his computer has malfunctioned. The teen becomes an airborne battle manager dealing with electronics. "That one always gets a chuckle," Scott-Johnson said.

In a third, an urban teenager col-



Courtesy of U.S. Air Force

Capt. Morgan Johnson learns to float using a cable during filming of new Air Force commercials at Universal Studios in May. Four ads being filmed over two weeks in several locations throughout California will air in the fall. Capt. Johnson is a program manager for military satellite communication ground-control systems at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

lects food from his friends and donates the collection to the less fortunate. He becomes a C-17 loadmaster preparing a humanitarian relief drop.

The fourth spot features a young girl fascinated by an approaching tornado, and whom her father must sweep up because she won't move to the shelter. She becomes a space command mission specialist and a storm watcher. The fourth is the ad that will be featured at movie theaters, Scott-Johnson said.

The latter two also were translated in Spanish in an effort to recruit from the Latino communities, Scott-Johnson said. "Only 5 percent of our force is Latino, less than the rest of the services and less than the population at large, which is about 14 percent."

Over the next year, the Air Force will spend the \$23 million to air the

ads, created by GSD&M out of Austin, Texas, both in the states and overseas, primarily during television programs targeted at teens and young adults aged 16 to 24.

"The goals of the campaign are raising public awareness of the mission of the U.S. Air Force, reaching out to the next generation and getting them interested in the Air Force, and retaining the men and women who currently serve," Col. Chris Geisler, Director of the Air Force Integrated Marketing Division, said in a statement.

Focus groups conducted to measure the effectiveness of the original four spots showed "they were very successful and we were very pleased, that's why we're continuing with the fresh ones in the same theme," Scott-Johnson said.

E-mail Sandra Jontz at: jontzs@stripes.com

Frocking delayed due to investigation

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — The Navy made the unusual move of postponing Wednesday's chief petty officer pining ceremony in Rota after allegations of inappropriate conduct during the traditional initiation process.

A dozen sailors were to be promoted to the rate of chief petty officer during a formal ceremony in front of their friends and families on base, but they will now have to wait until an investigation into the incident is complete.

The Navy is investigating a report of "possible inappropriate actions" during a satirical skit at a function Thursday, said Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Braun, a spokeswoman for Commander, Navy Region Europe. The 11:30 a.m. event at the Chief Petty Officers Mess was attended by both chief-selects and chief petty officers from the base.

Braun said she could not get into the details of what exactly happened during the skit because the matter is under investigation.

"It was more of a display of something that was inappropriate," Braun said of the allegation.

A person who attended the function and witnessed the skit notified base commanders, initiating the investigation.

Navy officials are trying to determine if the incident was inappropriate, how many people were involved and whether any further action needs to be taken, Braun said.

Chief petty officers are considered leaders of the enlisted ranks and reaching the rate is considered an honor. Hundreds of chief petty officers plan to go through the traditional pining ceremony, or frocking, at bases worldwide this week.

In the past decade, the Navy has worked hard to change the once-raucous initiation ritual to a process heavy on education instead of drinking and debauchery. In fact, the Navy calls the rite of passage a "transition" and not initiation.

"Right now, it appears that there is a reason to investigate the allegation so that's why we're going through this, because it should be taken seriously," Braun said. "The Navy takes this sort of thing seriously, especially when it involves future chiefs and our current chiefs."

E-mail Scott Schonauer at: schonauers@mail.estrates.com

Marine corporal who went missing in Iraq found fit to return to duty

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

Col. Wassel Ali Hassoun, the young Marine who made headlines in June with TV images of him allegedly being held hostage by militants in Iraq, and again when he mysteriously turned up in his native Lebanon, has been found to return to full duty as a mechanic at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The repatriation team, which includes medical and psychological

officials, declared Hassoun, 24, fit for full duty late Monday, said Maj. Matt Morgan, spokesman for the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Hassoun is a mechanic with the 4th MEB at Lejeune.

Hassoun disappeared June 20 from a camp near Fallujah, Iraq, where he worked as a truck driver and translator for the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. For the conflict, he was assigned from the 4th MEB to the 2-2 as an individu-

al augmentee because he speaks Arabic, Morgan said.

Hassoun was seen on Arab television June 27, blindfolded with someone holding a sword above his head, prompting conflicting reports that he had been beheaded. But he reappeared July 8 in Lebanon, where some of his family lives. Initially, the Corps had listed Hassoun as a deserter, but changed his status to "captured," after the videotape was aired.

Officially, Hassoun is consid-

ered to be a POW. However, there are parts of the mysterious story that can't be publicly released while the NCIS continues its investigation, Morgan said of the Naval Criminal Investigation Service.

In fact, NCIS investigators spoke with Hassoun for the first time Tuesday, he said.

"The repatriation team decided it was best that he complete his repatriation before talking to him.

Medical [personnel] wanted to ensure there was no question regard-

ing his fitness. The repatriation process is very far-reaching, and part of that is psychological. It was determined that someone who had been held prisoner against their will, and the idea of placing him in front of NCIS investigators, was something that had to weigh carefully and the repatriation team decided it should happen after he was returned to full duty."

There are no plans to return Hassoun home, Morgan said.

E-mail Sandra Jontz at: jontzs@stripes.com

Former WWII POW recalls hardships, will to survive

Europe bases commemorate POW/MIA Day

BY JESSICA INIGO
Stars and Stripes

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany — Former 1st Lt. Robert E. Ball knows how to outwit the enemy: It's teamwork, spirit and faith.

Ball knows, because he was once a prisoner of war in Germany directly following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. And he outwitted the enemy then.

In a straightforward talk about conditions and life as a 19-year-old World War II POW in Germany, where the guards weren't "particularly abusive, but not particularly nice," Ball helped the Air Force community on Rhein-Main Air Base understand the importance of National POW/MIA Day.

"I've got one front tooth because of the butt of a rifle," Ball said, almost comically, during a POW/MIA luncheon Tuesday while explaining how the Germans treated the prisoners.

Ball's speech was one of several activities going on around Europe to remember POWs and troops who are listed as missing in action.

Though Ball kept to the facts while relating life in a German POW camp, he ended the luncheon nearly in tears as he recalled how he and the rest of the 13,000 POWs held on to any shred of light to survive and keep from being in despair.

He painted grim pictures, but



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

then spoke of how even the slightest bit of humanity kept him and others like him going. Little things, like singing carols through

"Don't give up on communication, friends, peers and superiors. Remember those are the things that sustain you if you let them."

Robert E. Ball
Former POW,

on how to survive captivity

To beat the record winter cold of 1945, he and the pilot — whom he remains in touch with to this day — slept together on their two straw mats and blankets head to foot, with feet in each other's

armpits and hands between the thighs.

"I'm alive because of him and he's alive because of me," Ball said to the audience while wiggling his fingers. He said he still got frostbitten so bad that he can hardly move his hands or feet during each winter season.

Though Ball, wearing a burgundy Army Air Corps jacket complete with ribbons, made no specific reference to the men and women currently fighting World War II.

He relayed those feeling by telling troops during his speech to believe in their military training, always work together, and have

heart and faith in something, even if it's just the person you're fighting next to.

Rhein-Main also had tiger cages on display at the base exchange as a visual representation of what captured troops were held in during the Vietnam War and by the Japanese in World War II.

Rhein-Main's events ended with a retreat and wreath-laying ceremony at the base flagpole.

E-mail Jessica Inigo at: inigoj@mail.eastripes.osd.mil



JESSICA INIGO/Stars and Stripes

Above: Robert E. Ball, a former Army Air Corps first lieutenant who spent nearly a year as a prisoner of war in Germany, spoke Tuesday during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day luncheon on Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Above left: Posing as a North Vietnamese guard, Airman 1st Class Thomas Nightingale, left, of the 100th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, watches over two "prisoners" Tuesday at RAF Mildenhall, England, as part of that base's commemoration. Inside the cage are Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Bulluck, center, of the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron and Master Sgt. Paul Ruell of the 100th Mission Support Squadron.

ors," he said. "Remember those are the things that sustain you if you let them."

During an interview prior to the luncheon, Ball, who is originally from Kansas but calls Denver home, said he believes the military's mission has not changed much from when he served during World War II.

He relayed those feeling by telling troops during his speech to believe in their military training, always work together, and have

Guard troops enjoy sense of community in Bosnia

BY RON JENSEN
Stars and Stripes

For more than two months, Indiana National Guard soldiers have been living in towns in the Serbian portion of Bosnia-Herzegovina, dining in the local restaurants, sharing coffee with the residents in cafes and making friends.

"We're out there to build relationships with the townspeople," said Staff Sgt. Michael Spurgin of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 152nd Infantry.

The Army has houses in six towns in the part of the country that has been the most contentious since the peace implementation mission began in 1995. More than a dozen soldiers and at least one translator live in each house.

"There were some concerns at first about safety and force protection," said 1st Lt. Shawn Roberts.

But, he said, the troops, known as liaison observation teams or LOTs, have been accepted as part of the communities in which

they live. They meet with police chiefs, mayors and the general public.

"The LOT houses allow the public to just walk in if they want to tell us something," Roberts said.

The civil war that raged for more than three years in the country ended when the Dayton peace agreement was signed, dividing the country into the federation of Muslims and Croats, and the Serbian republic.

America contributed 20,000 troops to the NATO force of 60,000 that first moved into the country in December 1995.

Living in base camps surrounded by barbed wire and carrying out heavily armed patrols, the Implementation Force — or IFOR — forced the former combatants to live up to the Dayton accord.

Over time, the force, now known as the Stabilization Force (SFOR), dwindled, as did the need for such tight security. Troops living in towns in the area known as the Republic of Srpska would have been unheard of a few years ago.

SEE BOSNIA ON PAGE 8



TIMOTHY SCHRIEVER/Courtesy of U.S. Army

Cpl. Eddie Fairchild, left, and Staff Sgt. Scott Winn play basketball with some of their Serb neighbors in Vlasenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The two Indiana National Guard soldiers live in a house in the community.

Bosnia: Troops link between citizens, SFOR

BOSNIA, FROM PAGE 7

"We have not had that first complaint about soldiers living in their community," said Spurgin, who lives with several other soldiers in a house in Vlasenica. "We can approach anybody in that town and people will talk to us."

The LOT soldiers wear uniforms, but drive non-tactical vehicles and don't carry long weapons. They work in teams of three and visit all the villages and towns in their particular area of responsibility.

"They don't take part in events like weapon roundups to maintain their sense of neutrality."

"We can pretty much go anywhere in our [area of responsibility] and speak to anybody," said Spc. Doug Bullock, who also lives in Vlasenica.

The troops are told mostly about corrupt politicians or police chiefs who are not performing their job. Each day, the LOT soldiers write reports of what they've learned and send them up the chain of command.

"We're a direct link between the people in our town and SFOR," said Bullock, who said the job is not much different from his civilian work as deputy sheriff in Wayne County, Ind.

The soldiers say they feel safe and welcome in the community and have learned to mix with the locals. The biggest danger so far has come from the food.

"We've found some good places to eat and we've found some not-so-good places to eat," Spurgin said.

Some troops have gotten sick after eating, so those places are avoided.

Bullock said the soldiers like to visit the cafes and drink coffee, which almost always leads to a conversation with a Bosnian.

"We've had people come up and speak to us," he said. "Once you build the rapport, they tell other people and they tell other people."

Spurgin, who is a training officer for the Indiana Department of Corrections, said he helped a neighbor cut wood. When finished, they sat and drank coffee together and talked.

Like many soldiers who have served in Bosnia, the Indiana troops have fallen in love with the country's beauty. And the LOT soldiers have made friends in the towns where they live.

"Would I like to bring my wife here?" Spurgin said, "Yeah, I would."

E-mail Ron Jensen at:
jensen@mail.stripes.osd.mil



PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY SCURVER
Courtesy of U.S. Army



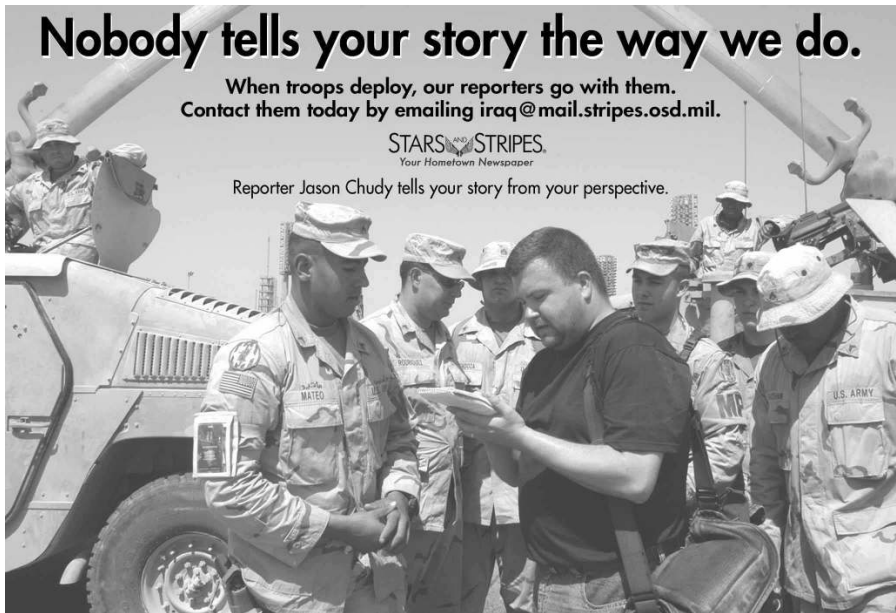
Above: Staff Sgt. Douglas Mitchell, left, and Staff Sgt. Michael Spurgin stand outside the house they and other members of the Indiana National Guard live in in Vlasenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Left: Spc. Doug Bullock plays ball with some of his neighbors in Vlasenica. He is among the members of the Indiana National Guard living in a house in the Serb area of country.

Nobody tells your story the way we do.

When troops deploy, our reporters go with them.
Contact them today by emailing iraq@mail.stripes.osd.mil.

STARS AND STRIPES.
Your Hometown Newspaper

Reporter Jason Chudy tells your story from your perspective.



IN THE STATES

Goss vows fairness as CIA director

Partisanship a concern at confirmation hearing

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's nominee to be CIA director promised Tuesday to provide Congress and the president with independent, objective intelligence but said it may take longer than previously estimated to have all the needed undercover operatives in place.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the Senate Intelligence Committee. He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he may — "at times" — have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of [director of central intelligence] carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

The CIA's last director, George Tenet, earlier this year told the Sept. 11 commission that it would take five years to have in place the kind of clandestine service needed to deal with international terrorism and other threats.

Goss said Tuesday that it would take longer to hire train and place all the operatives that are needed. The good news, he said, is that some would be ready soon. But "it is a long build-out."

Goss also backed away from a controversial provision he included in an intelligence reform bill in June, which would have loosened restrictions on the agency's ability to operate inside the United States.

He said he was trying to start a debate then on an important issue — the blurring of the lines between foreign and domestic intelligence. As the CIA's director, he said he'd come to policymakers for guidance on intelligence and law enforcement capabilities.



Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., left, flanked by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., foreground, and Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., prepares to testify Tuesday on Capitol Hill before the Senate Intelligence Committee's confirmation hearing.

Goss' political past came up at the outset of his confirmation hearing Tuesday. The Senate panel's senior Democrat, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, questioned whether Goss displayed a willingness to use intelligence issues as "a political broadsword" against Democratic lawmakers.

"Having reviewed your record closely, I have a number of concerns about whether your past partisan actions and statements will allow you to be the type of nonpartisan, independent and objective national intelligence adviser our country needs," Rockefeller said.

In his testimony, Goss outlined a series of commonly cited priorities for the U.S. intelligence community. They included improving human intelligence and analytic capabilities, expanding intelligence sharing with state and local law enforcement agencies and enhancing foreign language capabilities at the CIA.

While Goss has vocal critics in the Senate, no one so far has said that they will vote against him, and congressional aides say they expect Goss will win approval. Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has indicated he wants the Senate to vote on the nomination as soon as next week.

Booby-trapped letters mailed to 2 more governors

Rigged envelopes intercepted by postal workers in W.Va., Va.

BY BOB LEWIS
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Letters bound for governors' offices and rigged to ignite when opened were intercepted in Virginia and West Virginia, bringing to 18 the number of governors who have received similar letters in the past week.

The latest letters never explicitly threatened Gov. Mark R. Warner of Virginia or Gov. Bob Wise of West Virginia, and neither letter ignited Monday. Both bore a return address from Nevada's maximum-security Ely State Prison.

Authorities said they were interviewing inmates at the prison.

The letters — which have targeted 12 Republican governors and six Democrats — listed one or the other of two Ely inmates as the sender, but authorities are not sure if either prisoner was involved, Glen Whorton, assistant director for the Nevada Corrections Department, said last week.

"We're not assuming the names on the envelopes are simply the end of the matter," he said. "Investigators are not just talking to the two inmates."

It does not appear that any of the letters contained any writings, only a blank sheet with a match or match head rigged to ignite when the paper was opened. At least three of the letters opened last week caught fire, but no one has been injured.

Letters were sent to governors' offices last week in Alaska, Nevada, Montana, Hawaii, Nebraska, Colorado, New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Arizona. In addition to the governors, Nevada's corrections director received a booby-trapped letter.

Robert A. Fisher, a U.S. postal inspector based in Richmond, said the letters are in standard, white business envelopes. The letters bore Las Vegas postmarks and were hand-stamped. Sending a letter intended to do harm to its recipient is a federal felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison, Fisher said.

The letter addressed to the Executive Chambers in Virginia's capitol was spotted by a letter carrier who delivers mail to Warner's third-floor office suites. It was turned over to the FBI for analysis, said Capt. Mike Jones of the Virginia Capitol Police.

All mail bound for Virginia's executive offices on the third floor of the state capitol is routed through an offsite receiving facility to protect the governor and his staff. "We've done it for this very reason," said Bill Leighty, Warner's chief of staff.

The letter to Wise, addressed to "WVA Governor," made it to his office in the Capitol before it was intercepted. It was flagged by a worker in his office who recognized the return address.

Fleeing man throws baby from car

GREEN BAY, Wis. — A man threw his fiancée's 8-month-old daughter out of a car as he fled police after being accused of domestic violence, authorities said. The girl, strapped in a carseat, was unhurt but the man later was fatally injured in a crash.

Dana Bettin, 23, died Sunday, three days after the dramatic highway chase that ended when he crashed his fiancée's car into an unoccupied squad car.

At one point, he slowed down, opened the car door and dropped the baby in the car seat onto the highway, sending it tumbling toward the middle of the roadway.

"As the baby was flying toward me, I noticed that she was crying very hard and looked scared," Wisconsin State Patrol Sgt. David Catalano said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, which aired video of the incident.

Antidepressants may not be safe for kids

WASHINGTON — Independent experts came to the same conclusion as Food and Drug Administration scientists: There is a definite link between antidepressants and the worsening suicidal fixations of children taking the drugs.

The latest analysis firms the heart of data FDA advisers were considering Tuesday during a second day of hearings on antidepressants. Even Prozac — shown in earlier studies to be the most benign antidepressant for youth — increases the odds of suicidal thoughts and actions.

On average, antidepressants taken by kids will cause an extra 2 percent to 3 percent to have increased suicidal thoughts, the independent experts, working with Columbia University, found.

Sony Corp. set to purchase MGM

LOS ANGELES — Sony Corp. is a step closer to acquiring famed Hollywood studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. in a \$3 billion deal that would give it a considerable library of more than 4,100 titles.

The sale would mark the third time billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian has sold MGM, one of Hollywood's most storied names and once best known for its musical hits like "Singing in the Rain" and "Meet Me in St. Louis."

Under the proposed deal announced Monday, Sony has agreed to pay \$12 per share for MGM, or about \$2.94 billion cash, and assume about \$1.9 billion in MGM debt. MGM said its management will recommend the "proposed merger" to its board by Sept. 27.

From The Associated Press

Read Stripes online at

www.strikes.com

STARS & STRIPES

Your Hometown Newspaper

Bush proud of Guard service

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — President Bush, his Vietnam-era military service the subject of dispute, said Tuesday he is proud of his stint in the Air National Guard and told members strained by today's wars that he is trying to make their lives easier.

"Nineteen individuals have served both in the National Guard and as president of the United States, and I am proud to be one of them," Bush said at the National Guard Association of the United States conference.

Members of the Guard are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, and helping recover refugees after Florida hurricanes, Bush said. "I am proud to be their commander in chief, and I respect and honor all of those who serve in the United States Armed Forces — active, Guard and Reserve."

Bush did not mention the election-year tempest over unexplained gaps in his service in the

Guard. The Democratic National Committee sought to fuel the controversy by releasing a nearly three-minute video accusing Bush of using family connections to get into the Guard and out of the Vietnam War.

The Pentagon's reliance on the National Guard and Reserve grew quickly after Bush authorized a partial mobilization of reserve forces in the days following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and they currently comprise about 40 percent of the entire U.S. force in Iraq.

As of last week, there were 165,000 National Guard and Reserve troops on active duty in support of the war on terrorism, including those providing extra security in the United States.

The combat duty that some Guard units are doing in Iraq is their first since World War II, and they are suffering large numbers of casualties. At least 175 Guard and Reserve troops have died in Iraq since the invasion was launched in March 2003 — more than a third of those in the past five months.



President Bush addresses supporters in Greenwood Village, Colo., on Tuesday.

Bush said his administration was working to ease their burden.

"I know this time of call-ups, alerts, mobilizations, and deployments has been difficult for Guard members and their families and employers," Bush said. "We are working to provide you at least 30 days notification before you are mobilized, so you have time to make arrangements."

The Pentagon also was trying to minimize the number of deployment extensions and "repeat mobilizations," he said.

Two hecklers disrupted his speech, and the crowd shouted them down with chants of "Four more years!"

Kerry focuses on elderly health care

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry promised a group of senior citizens Tuesday that he would ease the financial pinch caused by the escalating price of doctors, hospitals and medicine as it outpaces annual increases in Social Security benefits.

"Seniors are finding things more and more out of reach as the expenses go up but their ability to meet it does not go up," Kerry said. President Bush worsened the squeeze on older voters, Kerry said, by crafting a Medicare prescription drug benefit that won't lower drug costs, helping drive up premiums for the Medicare program.

"George Bush has had four years to lead, four years to give America a direction, four years to bring corporate America to the table, and the health care industry, and say we've got a problem," he said.

Kerry pointed to Health and Human Services Department data obtained by a congressional office that projects Medicare will consume 37 percent of the average Social Security benefit in 2006.

USA Today reported the data on Tuesday.

Last year, the department projected Medicare would consume 17 percent of the average benefit in 2010. The Democrat offered his own prescription to help seniors, which includes retooling the Medicare drug benefit to allow the government to negotiate for bulk drug discounts and permitting Americans to

import drugs from Canada. The Bush administration has concerns about the safety of imported drugs.

Kerry defended himself against health care reform charges that his health plan will force everyone onto government-run health care.

"We don't have a government program," he said. "I have no new bureaucracy at all in my program. You choose your doctor. You choose your plan."

The Bush-Cheney campaign said Kerry's record doesn't match his campaign promises.

"John Kerry has voted eight times for higher taxes on senior citizens' Social Security benefits," said spokesman Steve Schmidt.



Kerry

Expert cited by CBS says he didn't authenticate papers

BY MICHAEL DOBBS
AND HOWARD KURTZ

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The lead expert retained by CBS News to examine disputed memos from President Bush's former squadron commander in the National Guard said Monday that he examined only the late officer's signature and made no attempt to authenticate the documents themselves.

"There's no way that I, as a document expert, can authenticate them," Marcel Matley said in a telephone interview from San Francisco. The main reason, he said, is that they are "copies" that are "far removed" from the originals.

Matley's comments came amid growing evidence challenging the authenticity of the documents aired last Wednesday on CBS's "60 Minutes."

The program was part of an investigation asserting that Bush benefited from political favoritism in getting out of commitments to the Texas Air National Guard. On Monday night's "CBS Evening News," Rather said again that the network "believes the documents are authentic."

A detailed comparison by The Washington Post of memos obtained by CBS News with authenticated documents on Bush's National Guard service reveals dozens of inconsistencies, ranging from conflicting military terminology to different word-processing techniques.

The analysis shows that half a dozen Killian memos released

Differences in Documents

A comparison of memos obtained by CBS News with authenticated documents on President Bush's National Guard service reveals several differences. A document obtained from the Pentagon, left, like others in Bush's

personnel file from the same period, gives the same amount of space to each character, includes no superscript "11" in the ordinal numbers "147th" and "111th," and gives Jerry B. Killian's title—"Lt Col, TexANG"—on the same line as

his name. In a document obtained by CBS News, the letters are spaced proportionally, the "11" in one "111th" is in superscript and Killian's title is given in "Lt Colonel" and is a line below his name.

OBTAINED FROM PENTAGON

FROM: 111th Pz Intcpg Sq
SUBJECT: Application for Discharge 5 Sep 73
TO: 111th Pz Intcpg Sq/OC
I respectfully request my discharge from the Texas Air National Guard last assignment to 48th (ASG) effective 1 October 1973. I am moving to Boston, Massachusetts to attend Harvard Business School as a full time student. I was employed by your association with the 111th Pz Intcpg Sq and the 147th Pz Intcpg Sq.

George W. Bush, Lt Col
George W. Bush, Lt Col
George W. Bush, Lt Col

1st Ind

TO: 111th Pz Intcpg Sq/OC

TO: 147th Pz Intcpg Sq/OC

Recommended approval.

JOHN B. KILLIAN, Lt Col, TEXANG
Commander

6 Sep 73

OBTAINED BY CBS

1170: Physical Examination Report
P. G. Box 34367
Houston, Texas 77034

24 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt Col George W. Bush, 5000 Longhorn #8, Houston, Texas 77037

SUBJECT: Annual Physical Examination (Physical)

1. You are retained to report to commander, 111 FLS, Ellington AFB, on later than (DLT) 14 May 1973 to conduct annual physical examination (Physical) AIRM 10-23.

2. Report to 111 FLS administrative office for schedule of appointments and additional instructions. Examination will be conducted in day status.

JOHN B. KILLIAN
Lt Colonel
Commander

THE WASHINGTON POST

earlier by the military were written with a standard typewriter using different formatting techniques from those characteristic of computer-generated documents. CBS' Killian memos bear numerous signs that are more consistent with modern-day word-processing programs, particularly Microsoft Word.

"I am personally 100 percent sure that they are fake," said Joseph M. Newcomer, author of several books on Windows programming, who worked on electronic typesetting techniques in the early 1970s.

Newcomer said he had produced virtually exact replicas of the CBS documents using Microsoft Word formatting and the Times New Roman font.

Newcomer drew an analogy with an art expert trying to determine whether a painting of unknown provenance was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci. "If I was looking for a Da Vinci, I would look for a characteristic brush stroke," he said. "If I found something that was painted with a modern synthetic brush, I would know that I have a forgery."

Meanwhile, Laura Bush became the first person from the White House to say the documents are likely forgeries. "You know they are probably altered," she told Radio Iowa in Des Moines on Monday. "And they probably are forgeries, and I think that's terrible, really."

Citing confidentiality issues, CBS News has declined to reveal the source of the disputed documents — which have been in the network's possession for more than a month — or to explain how they came to light after more than

three decades. On Monday, USA Today said that it had independently obtained copies of the documents — "from a person with knowledge of Texas Air National Guard operations" who declined to be named "for fear of retaliation."

It was unclear whether the same person supplied the documents to both media outlets. USA Today said it had obtained its copies of the CBS documents Wednesday night "soon after the 10:30 Minutes" broadcast, as well as another two purported Killian memos that had not been made public.

IN THE WORLD

U.N. nuke chief says Iran probe deadline too soon

BY ANDREA DUDIKOVA
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Tuesday that he could not guarantee his investigation of Iran's suspected nuclear activities will be finished by the November deadline sought by the United States and its European allies.

Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, also repeated that his investigation has not definitely established whether Iran is trying to make nuclear arms — as one

Washington asserts.

"We haven't seen any concrete proof that there is a weapons program," he told reporters on the second day of a "meeting of the agency's board." "Can we say everything is peaceful? Obviously we are not at that stage."

The meeting has become the main battleground between Iran and the United States, which

wants to take Iran before the U.N. Security Council for alleged violations of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

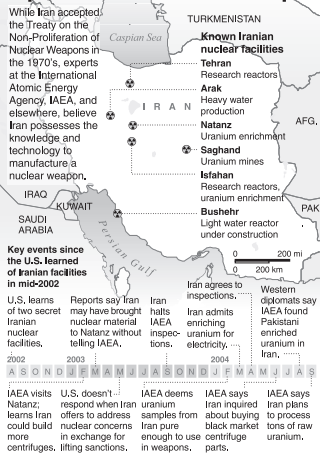
Diplomats attending the meeting said the United States was circulating a toughened IAEA draft resolution Tuesday. They said Washington's changes to a draft resolution originally written by France, Germany and Britain set an Oct. 31 deadline, deleted some passages and added other terms to reduce Iran's room to maneuver in trying to dispel suspicions about its nuclear activities.

The draft, summarized by a European diplomat for The Associated Press, demands "complete, immediate and unrestricted access" to all sites and information requested by the agency in its investigation of Iran's clandestine nuclear activities — revealed only two years ago.

It also demands a complete list of nuclear materials and know-how imported by Iran, along with the black market suppliers and "immediate suspension" of all uranium reprocessing and activities related to uranium enrichment — both of which can be used to make nuclear weapons.

The draft does not directly threaten a referral to the Security

Experts believe Iran can make weapons



Council. But by setting an Oct. 31 deadline, it indirectly makes clear the likelihood of that happening if Iran fails to fulfill all conditions, the diplomat said.

While ElBaradei said it was up to the board to decide whether to set a deadline, he added, "we cannot just say there is a magic date [for completion]." When the agency meeting opened, Washington sought immediate referral of the

Iranian weapons question to the U.N. Security Council.

"The [U.S.] president wants Iran to answer to the council, and that's where we're at now," said a U.S. official.

The European Union, long opposed to such a move, appeared to be inching toward Washington's position as it urged Tehran to give up work on uranium enrichment technology.

Turk plan to outlaw adultery protested

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Hundreds of Turkish women marched on parliament Tuesday to protest a proposal to outlaw adultery, a measure that could undermine the Muslim nation's hopes of being accepted into the prosperous European Union.

The adultery ban is being considered as part of a major overhaul of the country's 78-year-old penal code that is actually aimed at bringing the nation's laws closer to those of the European Union. The package, which lawmakers were debating Tuesday, includes stiff punishments on rapists, pedophiles, torturers, human traffickers and mothers who kill children born out of wedlock, and recognizes rape in marriage and sexual harassment as crimes.

The controversial adultery ban appears aimed at appeasing Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's conservative and devoutly Islamic base. But it has generated strong criticism in Europe, where the 25 EU nations are to decide by year's end whether to begin talks on Turkey's membership.

Many Turkish women, meanwhile, fear the adultery ban would be applied unevenly and would ultimately punish women while favoring men in Turkey's largely patriarchal society.

Some 600 people, mostly women, marched from Ankara's central square to parliament Tuesday, holding up banners reading, "Keep your hands off my body" and "No! to the male-dominated penal code."

"Such a law will not help save marriages ... on the contrary, it will ruin them," said Senal Saruhan, a lawyer and women's rights advocate. "It's a backward approach ... that will allow the state to intervene in our private lives."

Women's groups said such a law would lead to women being imprisoned and losing custody of their children, and they warn the measure would encourage "honor killings" in which family members kill girls or women for disgracing the family.

Justice Minister Cemil Cicek said the measure would only be applied if a spouse complains.



A Turkish Kurdish woman holds a banner that reads "Freedom for women" as hundreds of protesters march in Ankara against a proposal to outlaw adultery.

Russia plans security funding increase

BY JUDITH INGRAM
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia announced Tuesday it was pouring \$5.4 billion in additional funding into its security agencies, the first concrete new step in the anti-terrorism battle that President Vladimir Putin has called the country's No. 1 priority.

"The fight against terrorism requires a long-range perspective," Finance Minister Alexei Kudrin said in announcing the funding, ITAR-Tass news agency said. A day after Putin proposed a major extension of Kremlin control over Russia's political and security structures.

Russia's main security agencies — the Federal Security Service, Interior Ministry and Foreign Intelligence Service — will split an additional \$1.7 billion in funding. The Defense Ministry will receive an additional \$3.66 billion, Kudrin said.

It was not clear, however, whether the government was earmarking new funds or Kudrin was highlighting increases that had already been put in the draft

U.S. criticizes Putin proposal

The Associated Press

RIGA, Latvia — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage expressed concern Tuesday about the sweeping anti-terrorism initiatives announced by Russian President Vladimir Putin, describing them as "out of step" with U.S. hopes for more democracy in Russia.

Armitage acknowledged he hadn't seen Putin's proposed plan in its entirety, but said "...

it appeared to me that Mr. Putin was announcing that he would not have popularly elected governors but, rather, appointed ones. And this seemed to be out of step with the way that we'd hoped that Russia was heading — that is, to a much more open and democratic society."

Armitage was meeting with Latvian government officials as part of a nearly weeklong trip through Norway, Latvia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Kudrin had already committed \$68.5 billion in next year's budget to a new anti-terrorism program that would be used to increase security in public places, including Moscow's subway system.

In response to a series of terrorist attacks that killed 430 people in the past three weeks, Putin said a central, powerful anti-terror agency must be created, but details were not made public.

2005 budget — in an effort to prove to skeptical Russians that the authorities were taking action against terrorism. A Finance Ministry press officer, Alexei Shtakalo, told The Associated Press that ministry officials themselves did not know.

Some \$18.1 billion had already been earmarked for defense in 2005, a 28 percent increase over this year, and \$13.6 billion for national security and law enforcement, a 20 percent increase.

Thousands flee as Ivan enters Gulf of Mexico

BY VANESSA ARRINGTON
The Associated Press

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba — After slamming western Cuba with 160 mph winds, Hurricane Ivan hardly slowed as it moved into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, threatening offshore oil rigs and setting off an exodus along the U.S. coast.

One of the fiercest storms ever recorded in the region, Ivan cut a deadly swath through Grenada, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, killing at least 68 people.

In Mexico, hundreds of people abandoned fishing settlements on the Yucatan peninsula and the resort city of Cancun opened shelters and closed beaches. Cozumel island, a dive resort known for its lumbering sea turtles, shut its airport and halted cruise ship arrivals.

Forecasters said Ivan's bands of winds and rain may begin hitting ashore in the United States as early as Wednesday. It was not known, however, which location would take the storm's hardest hit.

Ivan gave Cuba a taste of its monstrous power Monday evening, with the wall of the storm's eye brushing over the island's sparsely populated western tip — the heartland of Cuba's famed cigar industry.

Tobacco fields were drenched, and sustained winds of 120 mph and gusts of 162 mph battered the

Unpredictable hurricane leaves U.S. coast wondering where storm will make landfall

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — Apprehensive coastal residents from Florida's Panhandle to Louisiana started boarding up windows, packing and hitting the road as powerful Hurricane Ivan headed for the Gulf Coast after plowing across Cuba.

A hurricane watch was posted for a 420-mile-long swath from St. Marks in the Florida Panhandle, just south of Tallahassee, to New Orleans and Morgan City, La.

Five Florida counties urged or ordered residents to leave Tuesday, and authorities in Louisiana's St. Charles Parish, located just outside of New Orleans and split by the Mississippi River, called Tuesday for a mandatory evacuation of the parish's 49,000 residents. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin suggested residents "seek higher ground."

Ivan, which cut a deadly swath across Grenada, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and Cuba, was a strong Category 4 hurricane with top sustained

wind of 155 mph, although meteorologists said it might lose some strength before hitting the Gulf Coast.

"That's a monster they've got out there. I'm not taking any chances," Irvin Bruce said as he and his wife, Lillian, packed to leave the Copa Casino in Gulfport, Miss., to return to their home west of New Orleans.

The spot where the center of the storm would make landfall was anyone's guess. Forecasters said its outer bands of wind and rain may begin lashing the coast as early as Wednesday.

At 8 a.m. Tuesday, the storm was centered about 115 miles northwest of the western tip of Cuba — about 490 miles south of Panama City Beach or 450 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River. It was moving toward the north-northwest at 9 mph.

Panhandle residents needed no more reminders of the perils of powerful hurricanes. Hurricanes Charley and Frances caused billions in damage and were blamed for more than 50 deaths statewide, Ivan could make landfall as the triumvirate's most powerful.

provincial capital of Pinar del Rio, 100 miles west of Havana. But there were no immediate reports of casualties or significant damage.

"We are so relieved," Miguel Rivero, a 42-year-old restaurant worker in Havana, said Tuesday. "If it had come through here, it would have been a true disaster."

Moraima Santos, a 60-year-old Havana housewife, was terrified when early projections showed Ivan heading much closer to the capital of 2.2 million. On Tuesday, she said, "We are so happy that the monster has left."

Ham radio operators reported trees and power lines down on the Isla de Juventud, or Isle of Youth,

southwest of the main island, where 15-foot waves crashed into the coast.

The storm was sprawling enough to attack two islands at once earlier Monday. Its western fringe soaked Cuba as waves 20 feet tall slammed the sea wall at the port in George Town, Grand Cayman, some 250 miles away.

Ivan tore away part of a hotel on Cayman's famed Seven Mile Beach, as seen in a fly-over by an AP-chartered aircraft over the island Monday.

Cuba's tobacco crop was safe, according to top grower Alejandro Robaina. Planting season doesn't begin until next month and remnants of January's harvest are protected in curing houses.

"I think we are going to escape the worst of it," Robaina told The Associated Press. Tobacco is the communist-run island's third-largest export, producing an average of 150 million cigars worth about \$200 million a year. Sugar, the lead export, was spared since much of the cane is grown in the east.

Some 1.3 million of Cuba's 11.3 million people were evacuated from the western region still recovering from Hurricane Charley.

All national and international airports were closed until Wednesday.

Whatever the damage, Cuban President Fidel Castro said he would not accept any aid from the United States. "We won't accept a penny from them," the Cuban leader said Monday on state television.

"The hurricane before this they offered \$50,000," he said of a U.S. government offer after Charley hit. "Even if they offered all that was necessary — \$100 million, \$200 million — we would not accept."



POVERTY DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE.
How could we?

Somewhere in your community there is a child at risk, a breadwinner out of a job, an elderly person who needs a helping hand. That's why Catholic Charities has so many programs to help people of any race, faith or age get back on their feet. You don't have to be Catholic to receive our help, or to help us help others. That's the way it's been for 275 years. Call 1-800-919-9338. And help us continue this great American Catholic tradition.

 **Catholic Charities USA**
PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE.

Financial Assistance • Adoption • Elderly Care • Youth Services • Counseling • Family Support • Adult Day Care • Child Care • Parenting Education • Emergency Financial Assistance • Soup Kitchens • TRANSPORTATION • Help for At-Risk Children • Emergency Shelter • Care of Homeless • Food Pantries

Rated one of America's most efficient charities by SmartMoney



Police arrest a man dressed in a Batman suit after he was removed from the balcony of the Buckingham Palace in London on Monday.

Minister: Palace must be secure, accessible

The Associated Press

LONDON — Security measures at Buckingham Palace need improving but ordinary people shouldn't be barred from approaching palaces and monuments, a minister said Tuesday after a protester dressed as Batman scaled the royal residence's facade.

"It would be very easy indeed to stop people getting anywhere near our major palaces and monuments," Home Secretary David Blunkett told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. "We would just put concrete blocks, we would have dogs and armed police or army inside those concrete blocks."

"I don't want it because the terrorists would have actually won if people couldn't walk round those palaces and monuments," he said. Pictures of the stunt dominated

front pages as newspapers rounded on apparent flaws in royal security measures.

"Holey security Batman!" quipped The Sun tabloid.

"Batman makes a laughing stock of Britain's security forces," wrote the Daily Mail. "But what if it had been al-Qaida?"

Protester Jason Hatch, 32, used a ladder to scale a perimeter wall before climbing onto the facade of Queen Elizabeth II's main residence Monday. He perched for more than five hours on a ledge near the balcony where the royal family appears on ceremonial occasions. No royal family members were in the residence at the time of the stunt.

Hatch is a member of the Fathers 4 Justice group, which is campaigning for greater custody rights for divorced or separated fathers.

YOUR MONEY

Extra-safe address book

Q. I have posed this question to you before — without a response. I am trying again after another incident: My WordPerfect program (version 8.0) has four or five times, eaten the address book.

This has happened on the Dell desktop and laptop that I own. The first incident — a couple of years ago — wiped out dozens of addresses. When I clicked to open the address book, nothing was in it.

It has happened, as I said, several times since. Have you ever heard of such a thing? Also, I prefer WordPerfect over Word, and I would like to do a floppy backup of the address book, something that seems like a good idea. Have you any idea where the address book is hidden and what it's called? — Jack Megheer, South Shore, N.C.

A. Better late than never, Mr. M., but I sure wish I had worked out your question before you got cloistered again by the same problem.

Address book problems appear common, and because the largest sets of customers using Corel's superb word processor are folks in law firms, the procedures for backing up data have been widely distributed in those circles.

Let me point you to a Web site with quite a few gems about WordPerfect, courtesy of Kendall Kalas, who specializes in writing WP macros for businesses and clearly knows his stuff: www.microcosm.com/index.htm.

Here is the answer for backing up the Version 8 WordPerfect database of addresses: Click on Tools at the top of the display and pick Address Book.

Right-click on the menu icon and select Properties from the menu that pops up.

This will display the name of the address book and where it is located. It most likely will be C:\Corel\Suite8\Address\Address1.Dbase. So then right-click on Start and select Explore, and you will follow the folders to that item and drag its icon onto your floppy.

Instructions for WP versions before and after 8 are provided by Kalas at his MicroCosm Web site.

Q. I forgot to save your columns a few weeks ago in which you advised a reader how to replace the AOL e-mail handler with Microsoft Outlook. Could you please send me a copy of that response? My sis-

ter has a fairly new Gateway laptop with Windows ME (I think) and AOL 9.0 Optimized and I want to switch her to Outlook.

— James L. Gratton

A. The check's in the mail, Mr. G., but your question has been coming in from so many readers that it is surely worth a revisit, and the AOL-to-Outlook e-mail topic has changed lately. America Online has dashed the hopes of a passel of third-party conversion-program sellers by issuing its own system for moving America Online e-mail into more robust software like Outlook and Eudora.

There was extreme pressure to do this. Almost everybody who decided to find software to convert their clunky AOL mail to Outlook used it to copy their inboxes to their hard drives and then dropped their America Online subscriptions for another Internet service provider.

While AOL e-mail improved greatly on the road to the current version 9.0, it continues to lack the full flexibility of Outlook and other programs such as Eudora and the Entourage e-mail module for Macintosh.

Outlook also offers message rules to shut the garbage to the waste bin, give priority treatment to messages from friends and customers, and fire off customized "I'm away" replies.

AOL responded by converting its e-mail into a format known as IMAP that can be accessed by a format control + K (keyword) and type in the search term map to call up the conversion instructions. You can set Outlook by hand using the Tools/Accounts commands and entering information about servers, passwords and ports that is provided by AOL under the IMAP search.

The great benefit of this is that it lets many people who have come to appreciate other parts of AOL while they've learned to hate the e-mail feature have the best of both worlds. Also worth mentioning is that AOL subscribers can access their e-mail using a Web-based mail reader at AOL.com.

Contact Jim Coates via e-mail at: jcoates@tribune.com or via snail mail at the Chicago Tribune, Room 405, 435 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611. E-mail can be answered only through this column. Add your point of view at: www.chicagotribune.com/asjkm.

Ask Jim

Jim Coates

Don't be fooled by people-finders

BY DOUG BEDELL
The Dallas Morning News

He was just trying to contact a long-lost friend, but the process separated Hector Mendez of San Antonio from a chunk of cash and his Internet naivete.

Mendez decided to look up his buddy using one of the dozens of far-people-finder services that litter the Web. He had seen the e-mail ads: "Locate old classmates, missing family members and loves of your past! Find anyone."

After paying \$30, Mendez realized that all he had purchased was a set of links to free public records open to all comers.

"The worst thing was that there wasn't even an address or telephone number to lodge a complaint," Mendez says. Consumer complaint sites are loaded with similar stories.

"There is a ton of scams like that," says Ed Magedson, chief of RipOffReport.com. "It's absolutely mind-boggling."

But separating the good from bad is tricky for the inexperienced.

Many pitches promise inside info, but contain disclaimers buried deep within hard-to-navigate Web pages.

Every professional whose job requires people-hunting is a favorite, but some services pop up time and again as accurate and reasonably priced.

One such service is AccurateInt.com. AccurateInt provides access to public information from hundreds of sources.

Attorneys and private investigators often use PublicData.com, which requires a minimum yearly subscription of \$25. The basic plan allows up to 250 lookups per year on its nationwide collection of court records and criminal convictions from about 40 states.

All these services require clients to sign documents attesting they have a legitimate reason for accessing the more revealing databases.

Finding help first

More than 300 government and public Web sites listed at DocuSearch.com and SearchSystems.net. Many far-fee people locators merely give you links like this while promising much more.

■ Respected search engine companies that provide people-locating tools. Try the new Lycos People Search page (www.whowhere.lycos.com) or the InfoSpace White Pages (www.infospace.com/wp).

■ Genealogy sites, which are often information gold mines. Some people-finding services charge you to search Social Security death records, for example. At RootsWeb.com, more than 72 million Social Security death records are available for free queries at <http://ssdl.rootsweb.com/>.

■ Unclaimed property Web sites listed by the National Association of Unclaimed Property (www.naupa.org). These include links to state government sites.

■ Before you pay for a people locator service, make sure there is a working telephone number for handling billing complaints. Check the service's reputation on consumer Web sites such as the RipOff Report (<http://www.ripoffreport.com/>).

■ Beware of sites that charge a membership fee, then seek hefty charges for "premium" searches.

■ Look for discussions of other people's experiences on <http://groups.google.com>. If rate consumers often relay negative experiences in groups such as allconsumers.experiences on Google Groups.

— Dallas Morning News

MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES			
	52-week	Low	High
Dow Jones Industrial	10,253.17	10,250.17	10,253.17
S&P 500	2,248.66	2,248.66	2,248.66
Nasdaq	2,452.50	2,452.50	2,452.50
Dow Jones	6,798.12	6,798.12	6,798.12
NYSE Composite	1,278.88	1,278.88	1,278.88
Nasdaq Composite	1,152.82	1,152.82	1,152.82
S&P 500	907.89	907.89	907.89
Russell 2000	696.42	696.42	696.42
Wall Street	11,711.74	11,711.74	11,711.74

NYSE			
	Most Active	52-week	Low
General Motors	675,934	1.47	+1.17
Intel	1,484,421	4.71	+5.00
Microsoft	2,204,221	22.22	+23.00
Amazon.com	26,216	32.13	+32.13
IBM	1,769,918	113.30	+113.30
Oracle	1,112,121	72.22	+72.22
Google	1,112,121	31.75	+31.75
Yahoo!	1,112,121	14.86	+14.86
Motorola	1,420,200	16.44	+16.44
Wal-Mart	1,112,121	35.50	+35.50

AMEX			
	Most Active	52-week	Low
Gold	31,817	35.50	+35.50
Silver	1,112,121	1.47	+1.47
Platinum	1,112,121	60.00	+60.00
Palladium	1,112,121	44.00	+44.00
Crude Oil	1,112,121	25.75	+25.75
Natural Gas	1,112,121	1.47	+1.47
Wheat	1,112,121	20.00	+20.00
Corn	1,112,121	1.47	+1.47
Soybeans	1,112,121	1.47	+1.47

NASDAQ			
	Most Active	52-week	Low
Intel	8,027,728	+20.00	+20.00
Microsoft	1,112,121	+1.47	+1.47
Amazon.com	26,216	+32.13	+32.13
IBM	1,769,918	+113.30	+113.30
Oracle	1,112,121	+72.22	+72.22
Google	1,112,121	+31.75	+31.75
Yahoo!	1,112,121	+14.86	+14.86
Motorola	1,420,200	+16.44	+16.44
Wal-Mart	1,112,121	+35.50	+35.50

EXCHANGE RATES			
	52-week	Low	High
Euro	\$1.2600	\$1.2600	\$1.2600
British pound	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.85
Swiss franc	1.1360	1.1360	1.1360
South Korean won	0.377	0.377	0.377
Bahrain (Dinar)	\$1.7600	\$1.7600	\$1.7600
British pound	1.291	1.291	1.291
Canada (Dollar)	0.6542	0.6542	0.6542
Denmark (Krone)	0.2480	0.2480	0.2480
France (Euro)	\$1.2920	\$1.2920	\$1.2920
Germany (Euro)	0.7090	0.7090	0.7090
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.2020	0.2020	0.2020
India (Rupee)	4.883	4.883	4.883
Japan (Yen)	0.2947	0.2947	0.2947
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947	0.2947	0.2947
Malaysia (Ringgit)	0.2947	0.2947	0.2947
Philippines (Peso)	0.2947	0.2947	0.2947
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	0.2947	0.2947	0.2947
Singapore (Dollar)	1.1450	1.1450	1.1450
South Korea (Won)	1.1450	1.1450	1.1450
Switzerland (Franc)	1.291	1.291	1.291
Thailand (Baht)	1.4025	1.4025	1.4025
Turkey (Lira)	1.4025	1.4025	1.4025

PRECIOUS METALS			
	52-week	Low	High
Gold	\$456.20	\$456.20	\$456.20
Silver	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Platinum	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12
Palladium	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12
Crude Oil	\$25.75	\$25.75	\$25.75
Natural Gas	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47
Wheat	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Corn	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47
Soybeans	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS			
	52-week	Low	High
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21
Fidelity Investments	36.21	36.21	36.21

PRECIOUS METALS			
	52-week	Low	High
Gold	\$456.20	\$456.20	\$456.20
Silver	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Platinum	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12
Palladium	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12	\$1,112.12
Crude Oil	\$25.75	\$25.75	\$25.75
Natural Gas	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47
Wheat	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Corn	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47
Soybeans	\$1.47	\$1.47	\$1.47

INTEREST RATES			
	52-week	Low	High
Prime rate	4.50	4.50	4.50
Discount rate	1.50	1.50	1.50
Federal funds market rate	1.50	1.50	1.50
3-month bill	1.64	1.64	1.64
6-month bill	1.64	1.64	1.64
1-year bill	1.64	1.64	1.64
2-year bill	1.64	1.64	1.64
3-year bill	1.64	1.64	1.64
5-year bill	1.64	1.64	1.64

MANAGE MONEY			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50

MANAGE MONEY			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50

MANAGE MONEY			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50

MANAGE MONEY			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50

MANAGE MONEY			
	52-week	Low	High
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.50
Northrop Grumman	102.50	102.50	102.50
Boeing	102.50	102.50	102.50
Lockheed Martin	102.50	102.50	102.50
Raytheon	102.50	102.50	102.50
General Dynamics	102.50	102.50	102.5

OPINION

Cheney's scare tactics omit key information

Cheney the Yawner sure has a way of issuing wake-up calls.

From Des Moines, Iowa, last week, the monotone veep told reporters, "It's absolutely essential that eight

weeks from today, on November 2, we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States."

My hurricane-numbered brain got me plotting plywood placement and fixing on another ice run. I almost ducked and covered under my desk.

Oh, wait. Dick Cheney's not a TV weatherman. He doesn't track storms. He creates political tsunamis. Just more fear-peddling from the No. 2. And we thought Tels gave us all a good scare.

This is no retro, poodle-skirt 1950s. Atomic bombs don't do this stuff justice. Except George W. Bush is no Dwight D. Eisenhower, decorated war general, strategist extraordinaire and a man who put America's interests before peace before the military-industrial complex's financial interests for war.

Can you spell H-a-l-l-i-b-u-r-t-o-n? We know Cheney's old employer has no fear. Halliburton keeps getting no-bid contracts

to mop up in Iraq and points everywhere. This used to be work that our soldiers did with great sacrifice and honor.

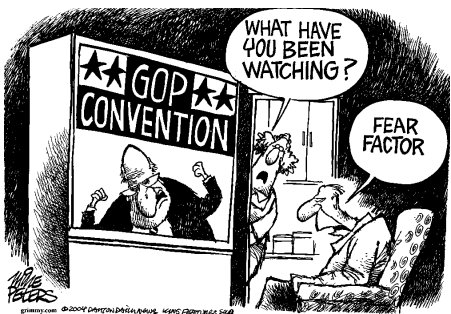
Now we pay contractors millions of dollars more to do the same job and pretend it's all in the name of winning the war on terror while our guys and gals are stuck in the line of fire in a country that's still far from free.

But, hey, let's make sure we make the right choice in November. Every time I start to lean to the status quo, figuring it's better the devil you know, there comes another fantastic tale of Armageddon from the Bush-Cheney campaign. Please, spare us, Monotone Man. Let's get down to the business of what Bush-Cheney would do the next four years. How would you end this war that just a couple of weeks ago the president cops'd into admitting had no end? What's the strategy?

We don't dispute that America is vulnerable, that this country — heck, any nation — can be attacked by terrorists who hate us and our values. But what have our American values become three years after the horrendous attacks of 9/11? We have lost basic civil liberties and what little privacy we had left. We now shut out of getting basic public information about the safety of our power plants or other critical infrastructure in the name of "national security."

Ah, yes, we haven't had another terrorist strike on U.S. shores.

We never had anything of the magnitude of 9/11, which happened almost a month after Bush was handed a report while vacationing at his ranch. It clearly warned that



Osama bin Laden was plotting to attack America on our shores. Do we blame him? No, because hindsight is 20/20.

Surely, Bill Clinton could have done more after the first bombing of the World Trade Center. Surely, Ronald Reagan could have done more after the attack on the Marines in Beirut. Surely, Jimmy Carter ...

What would John Kerry do? There's nothing Kerry has said to suggest that he would

let the nation "fall back into the pre-9/11 mind-set if you will, that in fact these terrorist attacks are just criminal acts, and that we're not really at war," as Cheney tried to imply about Kerry.

The veep conveniently casts the choice in a way that avoids Bush's lack of an exit strategy in Iraq. That's the one Americans everywhere would love to embrace.

Myriam Marquez is an Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel editorial page columnist.

Political animal Kerry switches from hawk to dove

Presidential campaigns, like life itself, are determined by choices. Candidates who make the right political ones get to deal with the real stuff in the Oval Office.

Peter A. Brown John Kerry now has decided it is most important voters know that he and President Bush have radically different ideas about the war in Iraq.

Only weeks ago, Kerry sang a different tune. Now, however, he has apparently decided the switch is required to prevent the good ship JFK (that's Kerry, not Kennedy) from sinking.

By giving priority to his split with Bush on Iraq, Kerry risks reinforcing the view held by tens of millions of Americans, including some who favor him, that he changes his mind almost as often as his underwear.

Kerry, who doesn't appear to have much of a sense of humor, is kidding himself if he thinks he can do the former without reinforcing the latter. Neither Bush nor the news media will let him.

If Kerry is wrong that the political gain from restating his Iraq position is greater than the loss from reinforcing his flip-flopping image, he will almost certainly lose the White House.

After all, as a U.S. senator, he first voted to give Bush the authority to attack Iraq, a position that Kerry has defended as correct throughout the campaign.

Yet after that initial vote to attack Iraq, Kerry later opposed funding the troops. He tried to explain away this seeming inconsistency as something other than a flip-flop on the war itself.

Then, as part of his Rambo act leading up to, including and following the Democratic convention, Kerry said he would have voted to authorize the invasion even if he knew

that Saddam Hussein did not have weapons of mass destruction.

But now that he is trailing Bush in the polls, and Democrats are in panic mode, Kerry has staked out another new and contradictory position.

He has abandoned his efforts to outhawk the president and reclaimed the anti-war identity that brought him to the public light after Vietnam and dominated his 20-year Senate career.

"I would not have done just one thing differently than the president on Iraq. I would have done everything differently than the president on Iraq," he says now.

Huh? Obviously, this latest change will merely reinforce the public perception that, depending on whether you give him the benefit of the doubt, Kerry is either indecisive or an unprincipled politician who will say or do anything to get elected.

The change is apparently based on the sage advice from aides — many of whom were the same folks who helped Michael Dukakis lose a 17-point lead over George H.W. Bush in 1988 — that his road to victory

now lies in criticizing the president's policies, even if Kerry had similar ones just weeks ago.

The Bush folks figure most everyone against the war is already in Kerry's camp.

Hence, Bush's approach is to tell voters that Kerry "woke up with yet another new position. And this one is not even his own," suggesting that the Democratic nominee was just aping Howard Dean.

When Bush tells voters, "I think this country wants consistent, principled leadership," he knows the polling data show voters view consistency as Kerry's weakness.

When Gallup's post-Republican-convention poll asked voters who they saw as "a strong and decisive leader," they picked Bush over Kerry by a margin of 60 percent to 32 percent. Asked which one is "honest and trustworthy," they cited the president 47 percent to 38 percent for his challenger.

The Kerry folks see the same numbers but have decided their best hope now is the traditional Democratic approach of criticizing the GOP as too militaristic and out of sync with the country's domestic needs. This

strategy comes after their convention was dedicated to the improbable idea Kerry could go to Bush's right on national defense.

Flights of fancy worked for Bill Clinton 12 years ago against Bush's father, but times and the players have changed.

By 1992, the Soviet Union had imploded, and voters were not much interested in defense matters because they took their safety for granted. It was before 9/11 fractured Americans' sense of invulnerability from foreign attacks, putting national security at the top of their agenda this November.

Perhaps just as important, John Kerry is no Bill Clinton, who advised Kerry from his hospital bed while awaiting open-heart surgery to take a new, more combative stance on Iraq.

Clinton had the political talents to make voters believe that his changing positions were neither inconsistent nor unprincipled, but justifiable by circumstances.

We are about to see if Kerry can do the same. If so, he might win. If not, he'll lose.

Peter A. Brown is an Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel editorial page columnist.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Church seeks miracle

AL BIRMINGHAM — Nearly a century of wear and an infamous civil rights-era bombing have cracked some of the walls of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and water leaks are destroying its ground floor.

A campaign to raise \$2.6 million to repair the historic downtown structure will start two days ahead of the 41st anniversary of the powerful bombing that killed four young black girls and rocked the church's foundation.

Officials say more than 200,000 tourists visit the church annually.

Life on the water

MD ANNAPOLIS — When Jennings Evans tells his stories, in gentle tones and words that sound like they've been rounded over on the top, it puts you right in the marshes of Smith Island.

His recollections from a lifetime of working the Chesapeake Bay are part of a two-hour "audio tour" released this summer by Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. The collection of interviews and music, along with a 76-page book of photographs and writings, aims to capture a slice of the traditional Eastern Shore before more of its heritage gives way to urbanization, or organizers said.

Unwanted spotlight

TX DALLAS — A church volunteer is suing an alternative weekly newspaper for up to \$1.1 billion in damages, charging the publication violated a Texas law that reported that he is HIV-positive without getting his permission.

The Dallas Observer identified the man in a December article about a preacher who led the Cathedral of Hope, a once-booming gay and lesbian church in Dallas that has struggled with financial problems, internal strife and a steep decline in membership.

The man doesn't dispute that he has the virus that causes AIDS, but he contends the newspaper broke a state law that forbids disclosure of medical test results without a patient's written consent, except to government health agencies.

Man steals body parts

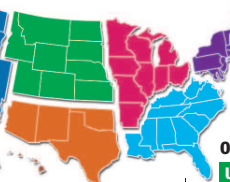
CA WOODLAND — A former autopsy assistant who told police he stole human body parts from a medical center in part to practice his dissection skills pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property.

David Lawrence Beale, 46, also pleaded guilty to drug possession and a misdemeanor count of unlawful disposal of human remains.

The former employee at the University of California Medical Center in Davis faces up to three years and eight months in state prison at an Oct. 25 sentencing, Deputy District Attorney James Walker said.

Retired judge nominated

DE WILMINGTON — Retired judge Bill Lee, the runner-up in the Republican gubernatorial primary in 2000, won his party's nomination for Delaware governor, setting up a November show-



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

dow with Democratic Gov. Ruth Ann Minner.

With 340 of 341 precincts reporting, the retired Superior Court judge had 15,181 votes, or 70.5 percent, compared with 5,086 votes, or 23.6 percent, for airline pilot Michael Protack. Accountant David Graham had 1,276 votes, or 5.9 percent.

"We're happy. We hit our marks," Lee said. "This was just a halfway point in the race, but we did our job tonight."

Turnout was lighter than predicted, with both parties sending only 12 to 14 percent of eligible voters to the polls. State Elections Commissioner Frank Calio had predicted a statewide turnout of about 20 percent.

Plane crashes into tower

FL LAKE WALES — A plane spraying insecticide hit communications tower and crashed into an orange grove, killing both pilots, authorities said.

The twin-engine Piper Aztec had been spraying insecticide to kill mosquitoes after Hurricane Charley drenched the area. No injuries were reported on the ground, said Kathleen Bergen of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The pilots' names were not released.

The main pilot worked for Vec-



It's flaming hot

California Department of Forestry firefighter David Roberts mends a hose line on a back firing operation near Interstate 15 and Highway 138, south of Victorville, Calif.

tor Disease Control Inc., of Greenville, Miss., and was under contract with the federal Emergency Management Agency, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Order approved

UT MOAB — Interior Secretary Gale Norton approved an order that prohibits mining companies from making claims on nearly 200 miles of scenic rivers in southeastern Utah.

The order will provide 20 years of protection for 111,895 acres of public lands along the Green, Colorado and Dolores rivers. The order also helps protect at least 161 prehistoric sites, habitat for six threatened and endangered species, and 32 recreation facilities along the Colorado River.

Each year, more than 120,000 boaters explore the three rivers.

Thousands of others visit the area's state and federal parks and trails.

Store ordered to reopen

PA HARRISBURG — A judge ordered a financially troubled wedding-gown retailer to temporarily reopen after it shut stores in four states this week, leaving brides without dresses — in some cases just days before their wedding ceremonies.

Judge Dan Pellegrini told WeddingStores Inc. to reopen its Kaufman's Wedding World stores for four days so brides can pick up gowns for which they have already paid. The company must also provide contact information for suppliers to customers whose prepaid items hadn't yet reached the stores.

Tattoo woman charged

TX FORT WORTH — A woman accused of applying tattoos on two boys was arrested on a charge of suspicion of injury to a child.

Glenn Renee Lee, 19, was arrested after the mother of one of the boys called police. Christa Starling said her 11-year-old son, Anthony, and his 10-year-old cousin, Tracy, said they went to a neighbor's house to ask about tattoos while Starling was at work.

The boys said the woman told them she applied the tattoos "shallow" so they would come off easily, according to a police report.

Two days later, the "A" on Anthony's forearm was still raised above the skin and looked and felt like a brand. Tracy has a "T" and a star-like design on his forearms.

As tattoos grow in popularity, police said, they are seeing more juveniles sporting them even though it is illegal to tattoo anyone under 18.

Colleges' budget woes

GA ATLANTA — Colleges and universities in Georgia may be forced to cut up to 1,100 non-faculty jobs and increase tuition by 10 percent to make up a nearly \$69 million budget shortfall.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith said the budget has to be trimmed and he's reviewing several proposals. Another plan would increase tuition by more than 22 percent and eliminate nearly 300 non-faculty jobs.



The sound of a hunter

Hunter Phillips, 10, of Ocean City, Md., a competitive duck caller, uses one of the duck-calling devices he and his father made while calling ducks on Assawoman Bay in Ocean City.



Total wipeout

Volunteer Zach Carlton, 14, is sent flying while trying to stop soapbox racer Jacob Pinkas, 8, from hitting the bay barriers after Pinkas missed the cones designed to stop the car. The boys were participating in the annual Soap Box Derby festivities in East Alton, Ill.



Classic style

Merriam, Kan.

Marlin Pearson looks over a 1939 Ford Coupe during the 2004 Turkey Creek Car Show in



Where is my tent?

A Cycle Oregon participant makes his way through a sea of yellow tents at a camp north of Canyonville, Ore. Cycle Oregon is a statewide bicycle tour.



Wet walk

A moose and its baby waded through a pond in East Montpelier, Vt.



Working hard

Austin Fennern, 11, pushes his lawn mower past the Condon Hotel in downtown Condon, Ore., on his way to earning some money mowing people's lawns.



A beautiful storm

For the second consecutive night, severe lightning storms pass through Apple Valley, Calif.

Thieves sinking effort

WA EVERETT — An effort to loan free lifejackets to swimmers at five beaches isn't floating thanks to thieves.

Under a Safe Kids Coalition program that began four years ago, swimmers from infants to adults have been able to borrow lifejackets from cabinets that are open from Memorial Day until the beginning of October at beaches without life guards.

About 50 lifejackets have been stolen from open cabinets at Kayak Park, Lake Stevens, Silver Lake, Martha Lake and Twin Lakes.

One station, a wooden kiosk at Twin Lakes County Park, was cleaned out of jackets during the summer, said Snohomish County Fire District 14 Capt. Christian Davis.

"We're glad they're being used, but we need them to be returned," said Kim Schroeder, president of the coalition. "We'll have to close down the program if we don't have enough lifejackets."

Italian students see U.S.

MT ARLEE — Italian high school students researching American Indian languages in Montana say they're also learning lessons that transcend words.

Lessons like a first football game. Some like Enrico Cantoni say last weekend's performance by the University of Montana Grizzlies seemed slow compared to soccer. Others like Marco Amadori saw in the complex plays a clue to U.S. life.

Amadori and Cantoni are among 15 students from Bologna, a northern Italian city, on a 12-day trip to Montana and Washington.

The Bologna visitors made Montana their destination after University of Montana anthropology professor Tony Mattina answered a request for information in a newsletter.

Steamship wreck found

AK ANCHORAGE — The wreckage of a steamship found near Cordova has been identified as the S.S. Portland, a vessel known for launching the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Portland, which once smuggled guns, drugs and illegal workers, was one of the first ships to carry Yukon miners and their gold from Alaska in 1897, and helped spark the fever that drew thousands to Alaska in search of their fortune.

The Portland hauled miners to Skagway and St. Michael, the two routes into the Klondike, near present-day Dawson City, and then to the next gold strike in Nome.

School district inquiry

TX DALLAS — Federal prosecutors and the FBI have joined a burgeoning investigation into corruption allegations at an impoverished North Texas school district that already is facing a possible state takeover.

Investigators are trying to determine how the Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District went from having \$1.6 million fund balance to a deficit in just over a year. Other allegations include document shredding, double payments for expenses and the illegal use of property tax revenues to pay off a

\$500,000 loan.

FBI agents and Texas Rangers seized documents and served subpoenas at the district's administration building, expanding an investigation by the Dallas County District Attorney's office. A federal grand jury investigation also is under way.

Tempers cause accidents

DE WILMINGTON — Aggressive driving is a factor in almost two-thirds of the state's fatal crashes, officials say. This year, at least 48 people have died in crashes officials say were caused by aggressive driving. Last year, Delaware State Police issued 56,338 tickets for violations related to aggressive driving. They say they're on a similar pace this year.

Free gas giveaway

MO SPRINGFIELD — Park Crest Assembly of God wants to do a good deed by paying part of motorists' gas tab. The price of any octane at a south Springfield station will be reduced by 40 cents a gallon on Oct. 1. Motorists will be limited to 15 gallons. The church will pay the discount on 2,500 gallons.

Cracking down on bullies

NY NEW YORK — The City Council has passed legislation requiring the Department of Education to create new rules prohibiting harassment and bullying in the city's schools, overriding a veto by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The bill, called the Dignity for All Students Act, requires school officials to keep records of bullying incidents and a statistical summary of all cases. It also says staff school safety officers must be trained in new guidelines aimed at school bullies.

The council said in a statement that 31.4 percent of students in New York said they have missed one or more days of school because they felt unsafe.

Crop theft on the rise

HI KAHUKU — Dozens of farmers from Oahu met with lawmakers and farm advocates to express their concerns over agricultural thefts.

A show of hands indicated most of the farmers have had crops stolen. The farmers say their stolen crops are sold by thieves, in many cases to buy illegal drugs, including crystal methamphetamine.

The meeting came about week after a man allegedly stealing crops was shot to death in Kahuku. A charge of second-degree murder has been filed against farmer Khamxath Baccam.

Winter scene in works

SC CHARLESTON — City officials hope a winter wonderland will lure holiday shoppers downtown. The city signed a letter of intent with an Atlanta company to buy and operate a temporary ice-skating rink from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day for the next three years. The company would share profits with the city.

Mayor Joseph Riley has begun soliciting sponsors for the rink, which will cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000 to build.

Stories and photos from wire services



Scheduled to ETS or PCS?

Check our Relocation Guide
every Saturday to find
Realtors at your new station.

STARS AND STRIPES®
Your Hometown Newspaper

FACES 'N' PLACES

Bacon film, 'Maria' are winners

The Deauville (France) Film Festival awarded its top prize on Sunday to "Maria Full of Grace," a documentary-like tale of the travails of a teenage drug runner from Colombia.

The wrenching feature debut from writer-director **Joshua Marston** tells the story of a pregnant 17-year-old who swallows rubber-wrapped heroin pellets to smuggle them by plane to New York.

Nicole Kassell's "The Woodsman," starring **Kevin Bacon** as a child molester trying to build a new life after 12 years in prison, won the festival's jury prize.

The 30-year-old festival at the Normandy resort, which began Sept. 3, is a European showcase for mainly American movies.

Behind the scenes at a newspaper

A film company has prepared a demo for a reality TV series that would take viewers behind the scenes of The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Blue Chip Films, based in **Norwalk, Conn.**, is now trying to find a network to air "Deadline (at) The Philadelphia Inquirer."

"I always loved that movie, 'The Paper,' with **Michael Keaton**, and it occurred to me, why was that such a great idea as a feature film, but nobody's done anything on TV about it," Blue Chip president **Nick Verbitsky** said last week.

During the summer, Verbitsky's crew went out with city desk reporters on a day when three bodies were found in the city. He said he anticipates following reporters and photographers covering all types of news and sports events.

But until Blue Chip finds a buyer for the show, any talk of how the show might develop is premature, said **Mary Flannery**, the Inquirer's senior editor for newsroom initiatives.

"We think this is a really fine idea," Flannery said, "but we're not really sure anybody else is going to think that."

German arts community struggling

Berlin Philharmonic chief conductor **Simon Rattle** lamented moves by the debt-laden capital of Germany to trim arts funding in an interview published Sunday. He described the result as "cultural dismantling."

Berlin is struggling to balance its cultural ambitions with a \$57 billion mountain of municipal debt. While the Philharmonic functions as an independent foundation, the city has scaled back support for several other cultural institutions.

"The situation is catastrophic," Rattle told the weekly *Der Spiegel*. "I can see the hopeless situation of the city... this cultural dismantling is an incredible shame for Berlin."

The arts generally receive generous public funding in Germany.

A new twist to an old classic

Shooting for a remake of a great movie classic brought some Hollywood stars to the area and to the restored, 88-year-old train station in **Madison, N.J.**

The movie, tentatively titled "The Dinner Party," is based on the 1967 film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," starring **Spencer Tracy**, **Katherine Hepburn** and **Sidney Poitier**, about a white couple whose daughter brings a black boyfriend home to dinner.

Columbia Picture's remake reverses the racial roles and stars **Ashley Judd**, **Bernie Mac** and **Zoe Saldana**. Judd plays Saldana's white boyfriend, and Mac has taken on Tracy's old role — the father.

In scenes filmed Saturday, Judd's character leaves **New Jersey** to take a train back to **New York City** while Mac's character tries to persuade him to stay.



Annie Lennox, shown with Sting, left, performs in July at Twitter Center in Tinley Park, Ill.

Chicago Tribune/KRT



Rattle

BY JULIA KELLER

Chicago Tribune

It works like this: When you're young, you dream big dreams. Wild dreams. Outrageous dreams.

Then you grow up, get married, make a family. Along the way, you wad up the dream like a tie-dyed T-shirt — the kind of bold, crazy thing you'd never wear outside the house anymore — and you stash it in the attic.

But Patti Scialfa, Patti Smith and Annie Lennox didn't get the memo. One told them that people in their late 40s, 50s and 60s — especially women with children — are supposed to settle down, keeping that attic door closed and bolted.

Instead, in an extraordinary creative confluence that defies conventional ideas about age and gender and the shelf life of passionate imaginations, these female musicians are resuming careers that took a breather for child-rearing and home-making.

It's as if each woman were determined to re-cut the path to her own golden creative center, a path sometimes obscured by the twisting foliage of everyday existence. Each woman is trying to answer T.S. Eliot's quietly urgent question: "Where is the Life we have lost in living?"

Scialfa, 50, has three kids, ages 13, 12 and 10. She recently released the CD "23rd Street Lullaby" — which reached No. 2 on Amazon.com's sales rankings and has garnered mostly glowing reviews — 11 years after her first album, "Rumble Doll." In the past decade, her solo career had played second banana to family obligations — including husband Bruce Springsteen's tours and albums, on which she sings backup.

Smith, 57, a fiery, long-limbed legend in the 1970s for her slashing music and vividly original poetry, slipped from the scene in the late 1980s and early '90s after marrying and bearing two children. Her latest CD, "Trampin'" which sold some 9,000 copies in its first week and has been almost unanimously hailed by critics, is livid with rejuvenated energy and eclecticism.

Annie Lennox, 49, arrestingly androgynous half of the '80s pop duo the Eurythmics, ratcheted down her public persona in the 1990s to raise two children. This summer she's touring with Sting, performing songs from the eerily

melodic 2003 CD "Bare," which sold more than 150,000 copies in its first week.

This renaissance of creativity from mature women with children also includes Loretta Lynn, 69-year-old mother of six. The country icon released "Van Lear Rose" a few months ago, her first album in four years — and the first in her career in which she wrote all the songs.

The re-emergence of these artists defies the common notion that women must choose between their children and their muses, that creative achievement is incompatible with domestic duty. And it shreds as well the tired idea that children are a kind of substitute for artistic creations — that women who are mothers shouldn't continue to ache to express themselves. Or, conversely, that female artists who don't have children are compensating for an unfulfilled maternal instinct. (Funny how male artists who aren't fathers never seem to be similarly saddled. No one says, "His songs are his sons.")

Musicians such as Scialfa, Smith, Lennox and Lynn are following a new kind of career trajectory: Early success, followed by a voluntary hiatus in favor of home and family, then a return to the fierce demands of art. Call it the anti-Britney Spears effect. These women have lived awhile and look it. And they have something to say. Until recently, though, they weren't free to say it. The history of creative women has not included much sympathy or understanding for women who wanted to do both: make art and babies. As Tillie Olsen argued in her classic 1978 book "Silences," women traditionally were forced to choose — between their ambitions and their responsibilities; between top-10 hits and happy children; between being poets and novelists and being wives and mothers. That took a toll on female artistic output, Olsen insisted, and resulted in unnatural silences.

The dynamic second-time-around careers of Lennox, Scialfa, Smith and Lynn may transcend the musicians themselves. Their experiences could demonstrate that some women no longer have to leave half of themselves behind — their passion for their art or their passion for the people they love — as they mature. Their lives may be harbingers of the day when women don't have to choose.

As Scialfa advises in "City Boys," a catchy cut on her new CD, "Take what you're given/And then ask for more."



Mac

Horoscope

The sun passes Mars in Virgo today, which has a strange effect on our ego. You could hurt your own feelings by measuring your accomplishments against an inappropriate example. Give yourself a lot of love and care instead. Anticipate that the outside world might be testy, cranky or ready to snap at the slightest provocation.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 15), it's a year of magical happenings. You'll be amazed by a coincidence that happens in the next three weeks. It's a sign about which way to go, so head it! The money picture in October is terrific. Social opportunities are plenty through the holiday season. Love signs are Pisces and Sagittarius. The best time to start a business is in June.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your instinct to help out friends leads you into a fabulous position. It's wonderful when you get positive reinforcement for doing exactly what comes naturally to you. Your work goes smoothly once you've stopped worrying.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Amid a hailstorm of projects and responsibilities, loved ones unconsciously pile on more for you to handle. This is a blessing in disguise, forcing you to focus like never before—or at least better than you were.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The least likely scenario is the one that will probably happen. Your job is to plan for it. In true Gemini form, you may think, "What does she mean by this strange word 'plan'?" It's not your forte, but do it, and you won't be sorry.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You do an impressive job and will begin activities with a bang. However, beware the tendency to stop short of success. Action must be carried through to order to find out what the result is going to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If something is not going to work out, make the call now. Work situations that were based on you doing all the

work (and getting very little of the money) will be a thing of the past if you assert your interests now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get things organized. Without a solid system in place, you'll be overwhelmed with the rubbish that, unfortunately, is a residual effect of the business at hand. Getting help with forms, paperwork will ease the load.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Love insists on doing it one way, not yours, so you'll have to decide if you'd rather be together or be right. Outsiders may misunderstand the dynamics of your relationship, but don't bother explaining.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All systems are in agreement that forward motion is best. No matter how difficult it is to admit that mistakes were made in the past, bringing the truth to light will make it possible to go forward with gumption.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be careful not to judge yourself too harshly. Where you've been isn't always a great indicator of where you are going. Leave room for that wild card. Predict big, and make impressive, huge, impossible resolutions.

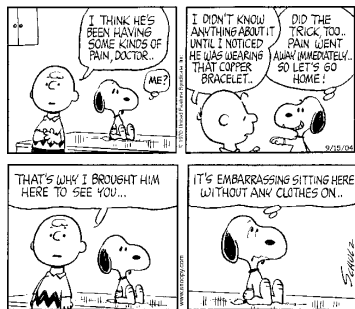
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep your eyes open to deals that go down early in the day—there's something valuable in it for you, though it's not what you think. If a relationship is not growing, there's a reason, and it's time to figure out what it is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars zap you with terrific vision that is usually only provided by hindsight. You now make choices quickly and with certainty. You're in touch with your essential self, the unchanging part of you that's always bearing witness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The secret to success is to surround yourself with people who have a vested interest in seeing you do well. Being part of team also will motivate you to stick to your goal. Tonight, you'll know just where the action is.

Creators Syndicate

Peanuts



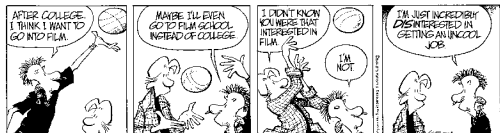
Calvin and Hobbes



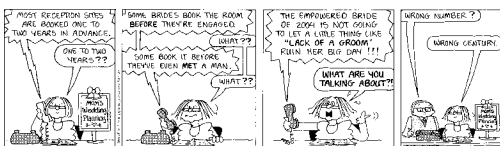
Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



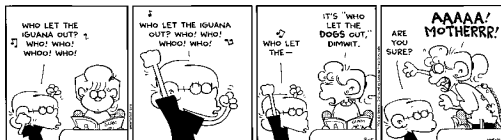
Red Rover



Better or Worse



Fotrot



B.C.



Baby Blues



Spider Man



Blondie



Dilbert



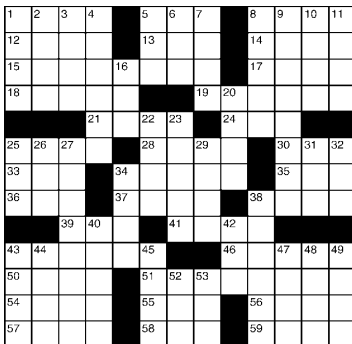
Hagar



Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



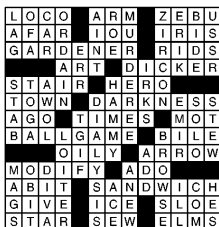
Across

- 1 Striker's foe
- 5 Second page, perh.
- 8 Seize onto
- 12 Apple or pear
- 13 Eggs
- 14 — Park, N.Y.
- 15 Officer's offspring?
- 17 Pearl Mosque site
- 18 Animal track
- 19 It helps if you break your word
- 21 Snack
- 24 "Eureka!"
- 25 Unfriendly
- 28 Frail
- 30 Caviar, essentially
- 33 Coexist
- 34 Pole dance?
- 35 "Platoon" setting
- 36 Implore
- 37 Dubious reply
- 38 Sends out invitations
- 39 Cleo's slayer
- 41 East Rutherford cagers
- 43 Singer Michael
- 46 Sudden onrush
- 50 Mayberry moppet
- 51 Tall cupboards
- 54 Labyrinth
- 55 Complete
- 56 Harvest
- 57 Indulged in extortion
- 58 Thither
- 59 Uncomplicated

Down

- 1 Resorts international?
- 2 Big biz abbr.
- 3 Bullets
- 4 Past
- 5 Supporting
- 6 Zsa Zsa's sis
- 7 Dog owner's chore
- 8 Board-meeting chart
- 9 Domestic chickens
- 10 Shrek, e.g.
- 11 React in pain
- 16 Sisi' sib
- 20 Singer Ono
- 22 Do laps in the pool
- 23 Bravny type
- 25 Urban transport
- 26 Tramcar contents
- 27 Make lawfully valid
- 29 "Rock — Baby"
- 31 Erstwhile acorn
- 32 Type squares
- 34 Fat removal, for short
- 38 Have longings
- 40 Trusty horse
- 42 General named on Chinese menus
- 43 Broadway flop
- 44 October stone
- 45 Almost black
- 47 Precinct
- 48 Afternoon affairs
- 49 Catch sight of
- 52 Flying Down to —
- 53 Chaps

Answer to Previous Puzzle



9-15

CRYPTOQUIP

T H WUY 'O Z IGZCR UQ
RUC UH J NMZZQ NZL T
IYCCUIZ WUY LTND R DJOZ

S Z Z Q U O Z M J S Z M W G .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE NAME OF A POP SONG ABOUT A BODY SPONGE MIGHT BE "ALL YOU NEED IS LOOFAH."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals R

Suspicious mom won't talk sex

Dear Abby: I am a 13-year-old girl with a lot of questions about sex and growing up. I can't ask my mom because every time I bring up the subject, she accuses me of having sex. There isn't another adult I would consider talking to about this.

Abby, I am not having sex—I am just curious. Is it wrong to be curious? Please help me.

— **Blindsided in** Bronxville, N.Y.
Dear Blindsided: It is normal to be curious.

Your mother should thank her lucky stars that you are coming to her for information.

Many young people turn to their friends for answers, which often turn out to be wrong.

Please clip this item. Give it to your mother and tell her you wrote it. You are not a little girl anymore, and you should already have been armed with accurate information.

The Sexuality Information and Education Council has a wealth

of information resources and tools for parents in addressing this important subject. Its Web site, www.familiesaretalking.org, helps families talk about sexuality-related issues and provides information and resources for young people, parents and caregivers.

Dear Abby: If your mother continues to accuse you of being sexually active or puts you off, go to the library and ask the librarian for books on the subject. Other reliable Web resources include Planned Parenthood's Teenwire, www.teenwire.com, and the American Social Health Association, www.ihawanna-know.org, which is a

safe place for teens to learn about sexual health.

Dear Abby: I recently started dating a man I'll call Freddy. We met through an online dating service. We live in the same city and have had several dates,

including a sleep-over. I am completely taken with him.

My problem is that Freddy continues to keep his profile on the dating site and visits it frequently. He says he goes there only if someone contacts him. I told him it makes me feel insecure; he said until he feels "safe" (previous women have left him for other men), he's going to continue to go to the site.

Am I wrong to feel insecure about this, or do lots of people leave their profiles active while dating someone?

— **Suspicious in Columbia, S.C.**
Dear Suspicious: Many people do — at least for a while. And if I were you, I'd remember that several dates and a sleep-over are not a committed or exclusive relationship. Although you may be "completely" taken with Freddy, he may prefer to test-drive several models before buying a car — or anything else. Slow down.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can e-mail to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uxpress.com/dearabby. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MEVON

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

RIMEN

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

RAMAAD

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

FACTUE

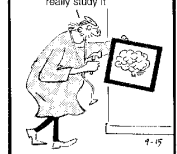
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Ans: A "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" OF "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □"

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



WHAT THE DOCTOR ESTABLISHED WHEN HE MOUNTED A DIAGRAM OF THE BRAIN.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHOOOP NEWLY ISLAND BABOON Answer: When the tornado hunters spotted the twister, they were — BLOWN AWAY

Wife had child from affair at work

Dear Annie: I'm a 41-year-old woman who has been with my wife, "Christine," since high school. We have been married for 12 years, and I adore her deeply.

Four years ago, Christine became pregnant, and I was on top of the world. She gave birth to a terrific little boy. However, I noticed right away that he was a bit more "tan" than I expected. A few months later, Christine became a little intoxicated one night and told me my son was, in fact, not mine. He was a biracial child from an affair she had with a man at her office.

I was so attached to the baby that I forgave Christine, but in the back of my mind, I really haven't. I feel cheated, not to mention foolish for not knowing what was going on behind my back. When I try to explain this to Christine, she turns it around and makes me out to be the bad guy. She says the child did nothing wrong.

Right now, I am staying in the marriage only because of this

child, but if I leave, I'll feel guilty.

— **Confused and Hurt**
Dear Confused: The baby did nothing wrong, but that doesn't let Christine off the hook. Has she at least expressed remorse for her affair or made any effort to regain your trust? Forgiving an affair takes time and effort, and usually, marriage counseling.

Christine should be willing to work on this with you. Also, if you leave, Christine could create legal problems regarding custody of a child that is not biologically yours. See an attorney before you make any major decisions.

Dear Annie: I am the new head cheerleading coach at my daughter's very small high school. My daughter, "Amanda," has cheered for several years and has even won national honors.

During this upcoming school season, Amanda plans to try out

for captain of the squad. She is highly competent and well-qualified for the position. She is certain that if I were not the coach, she would be appointed captain. However, I am afraid that by giving her this position, as well as Amanda, to a lot of nastiness.

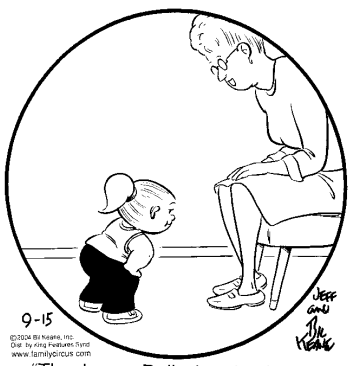
I think Amanda would do a great job, but I want to be fair to everyone. How should I handle this, especially with the other parents?

— **Confused Coach**
Dear Coach: You should not be the one selecting Amanda to be captain. You can let the team members elect their own captain, or you can appoint an impartial group of parents to pick someone. That way, whatever happens, no one can accuse you of favoritism, and no one will assume Amanda won (or didn't) because of you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

Creators Syndicate

Family Circus



"Thank you, Dolly, but they're not tattoos. They're varicose veins."



Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



Non Sequitur



SCOREBOARD

AFN TV & Radio

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 7 a.m. - Auto racing: Champ Car World Series, Grand Prix of Midland at St. Louis, Mo. (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. - Baseball: Baltimore Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, noon - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. - Baseball: San Diego at Philadelphia (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 3 p.m. - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m. - College football: Georgia at South Carolina (dtd).

AFN-Sports, midnight - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m. - Baseball: Tampa Bay at Boston.

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. - Baseball: Houston at St. Louis.

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m. - Baseball: San Diego at Los Angeles.

AFN-Sports, 7 a.m. - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 10 a.m. - Rofec: BFB Built Ford Tough Series Presented by Wrangler Bullracer (from Reno, NV) (dtd).

AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m. - Baseball: Anaheim at Seattle (dtd).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 3:30 p.m. - Golf: World's Best Golfers (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m. - SportsCenter: Salute The Troops (from Camp Arifjan, Kuwait).

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. - Baseball: San Francisco at Milwaukee.

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. - Baseball: Texas at Oakland.

(All times Central European time; dtd indicates time delayed broadcast; some radio broadcasts not available; see www.afn.net for more information.)

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference

Columbus	9	11	37	39	25
Chicago	9	16	49	40	39
D.C. United	7	9	30	39	40
Kansas City	10	16	39	39	40
New England	5	11	9	24	38

Western Conference

Colorado	10	7	9	39	26
Kansas City	9	16	39	39	40
Los Angeles	5	7	9	39	39
San Jose	10	16	39	39	40
Seattle	9	11	5	20	37

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Charlotte	16	516	-
Indiana	16	516	-
New York	15	500	1 1/2
Washington	15	479	1 1/2
Detroit	15	479	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

y-Los Angeles	12	742	-
x-Salt Lake	12	742	4 1/2
Phoenix	16	533	6 1/2
Portland	16	533	6 1/2
Houston	12	480	10 1/2

x=clinched playoff spot; y=clinched conference

Sunday's games

Washington at Houston
New York at Detroit
Phoenix at Phoenix
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Connecticut at Charlotte
Phoenix at Seattle

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

No. 10 California at Southern Miss, p.m., hurricane
Saturday, Sept. 16
No. 1 Southern Cal. at BYU
No. 2 Ole Miss at Oregon

No. 3 Miami vs. Marshall
No. 4 Georgia vs. Louisiana Tech
No. 5 Texas A&M at No. 14 Auburn
No. 6 West Virginia vs. No. 21 Maryland
No. 7 Florida State vs. Utah
No. 8 Ohio State at N.C. State
No. 9 at No. 13 Tennessee
No. 10 Virginia vs. Akron
No. 11 Utah at Utah State
No. 12 Iowa at Arizona State
No. 13 at No. 14 Tennessee
No. 14 Fresno State vs. Portland State
No. 15 at No. 16 Colorado State
No. 16 Minnesota at UTTP
No. 17 at No. 18 Utah
No. 18 Louisville at Tulane
No. 19 Memphis at Arkansas State

Division I-AA Top 25

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The top 25 teams in the National Football Division I-AA football poll with first-place voting at the end of the season (Sept. 12) and previous ranking.

	Record	PTS
1. Montana (61)	2-0	248
2. North Carolina (26)	1-1	239
3. Wake Forest (6)	1-1	239
4. Villanova (9)	2-0	218
5. Georgia (10)	1-1	189
6. Northern Iowa (1)	1-1	189
7. Middle Tennessee (1)	1-1	189
8. Massachusetts (1)	2-0	168
9. Hampshire (6)	1-1	168
10. Western Kentucky (1)	1-1	147
11. Stephen F. Austin (1)	2-0	130
12. North Carolina A&T (1)	1-1	127
13. Maine (1)	1-1	117
14. Western Illinois (1)	1-1	117
15. McKeesport State (1)	1-1	97
16. North Carolina A&T (1)	1-1	97
17. Northern Arizona (1)	2-0	66
18. North Carolina A&T (1)	2-0	66
19. Northwestern State (1)	2-0	61
20. West Virginia (1)	2-0	61
21. Penn State (1)	2-0	59
22. Eastern Kentucky (1)	2-0	59
23. Southeastern Louisiana (1)	2-0	229

Hockey

World Cup

Quarterfinals

Friday, Sept. 10
Finland, 2, Germany, 1
Czech Republic, 5, Sweden, 1

Saturday, Sept. 11
United States, 5, Slovakia, 1
Canada, 5, Russia, 1

Semifinals
Friday, Sept. 10
Finland, 2, Sweden, 1
Czech Republic, 5, Slovakia, 1

Saturday, Sept. 11
Canada, 5, Russia, 1
Finland, 2, Sweden, 1

Sunday, Sept. 12
Finland, 2, Sweden, 1
Czech Republic, 5, Slovakia, 1

Finals
Sunday, Sept. 12
Finland, 2, Sweden, 1
Czech Republic, 5, Slovakia, 1

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

PGA Tour Statistics

Through Sept. 12

Scoring Average

1. Tiger Woods, 68.2
2. Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh, 68.5
3. Ernie Els and Tiger Woods, 69.0
4. Retief Goosen, 69.5
5. Sergio Garcia, 69.8

Driving Distance

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Putting Average

1. Fred Couples, 72.5
2. Scott Verplank, 72.5
3. Fred Couples, 72.5
4. Scott Verplank, 72.5
5. Fred Couples, 72.5

Greens in Regulation Pct.

1. Sergio Garcia, 70.2%
2. Phil Mickelson, 69.8%
3. Ernie Els, 69.0%
4. Retief Goosen, 68.5%
5. Sergio Garcia, 69.8%

Total Driving

1. Jeff Breda, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Birdie Average

1. Tiger Woods, 4.39
2. Phil Mickelson, 4.31
3. Ernie Els, 4.04
4. John Daly, 3.99
5. Stephen Ames, 3.99

Longest Hole-in-One

1. John Daly, 81.1
2. Geoff Ogilvy, 81.3
3. Tiger Woods, 81.3
4. Phil Mickelson, 81.3
5. Tiger Woods, 81.3

Longest Par 3

1. Jim Carter, 69.2%
2. Adam Scott, 69.2%
3. Tiger Woods, 69.2%
4. Phil Mickelson, 69.2%
5. Tiger Woods, 69.2%

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

1. Scott Hend, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Tee Shot

1. Tiger Woods, 312.2
2. Hank Kuehne, 314.0
3. Chris DiMarco, 305.4
4. Mike Hoke, 305.0
5. John Mahoney, 302.5

Longest Drive

Tennis

ATP money leaders

Through Sept. 12

1. Roger Federer, \$4,753,222
2. Andre Agassi, \$4,753,222
3. Lleyton Hewitt, \$4,753,222
4. Guillermo Coria, \$4,753,222
5. Gaston Gaudio, \$4,753,222

WTA money leaders

Through Sept. 12

1. Serena Williams, \$4,753,222
2. Venus Williams, \$4,753,222
3. Lindsay Davenport, \$4,753,222
4. Justine Henin-Hardenne, \$4,753,222
5. Amelie Mauresmo, \$4,753,222

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

China Open

Tuesday

At the Beijing Tennis Center

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

First Round

1. Taylor Dent, 6-4
2. Andre Agassi, 6-4
3. Lleyton Hewitt, 6-4
4. Guillermo Coria, 6-4
5. Gaston Gaudio, 6-4

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
Dallas at Dallas
Colorado at Kansas City
Chicago at Chicago
Los Angeles at Los Angeles

Notes: Three points: victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago at D.C. United
New York at New England
MetroStars at Columbus
Los Angeles at Dallas
San Jose at Kansas City

Sunday's games



Florida mascot Billy the Marlin greets fans at U.S. Cellular Field on Monday in Chicago. The Florida Marlins' game against the Montreal Expos was moved to Chicago due to the approach of Hurricane Ivan.

Marlins find port in storm, rally past Expos in Chicago

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Florida Marlins hit the road for a home game. "If you got to play in Comiskey or if we got to play in Alaska, it doesn't matter," starting pitcher Josh Beckett said. "We'll try to win those games."

Chased out of Florida by Hurricane Ivan, the Marlins rallied in the eighth inning to beat Montreal 6-3 on Monday at U.S. Cellular Field — the home of the

Chicago White Sox. "It was a little weird early but once you get on the field, everything is fine," catcher Paul Lo Duca said. "You just got back to playing baseball."

The Marlins' mascot danced on the field and their P.A. announcer did the lineups.

"Yeah, you got to feel like we're at home, even when we're in a different city," Lo Duca said.

Florida, two games behind wild-card leading San Francisco, was scheduled to play the Expos in Chicago again Tuesday. The Marlins said after the game Monday that the teams will play a doubleheader in Miami on Wednesday, and a single game Thursday night.

Before Monday, the last NL game in an AL ballpark was in 1946, when the Boston Braves played several games at Fenway Park because a paint job on the seats at Braves Field hadn't dried, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"It's unusual. Of course it's unusual," Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "You always want to play your home games at home in front of your fans."

A spirited crowd announced at 4,003 showed up. With the upper deck closed, most of the fans who spent \$15 for a ticket — \$5 going to hurricane relief — sat behind



Vinny Castilla hit two home runs to reach 300 career homers and 1,000 RBIs in the Colorado Rockies' 9-2 victory at Arizona.

the dugouts and close to the field. "We were surprised to see the large number of Marlins fans, whooping and hollering," manager Jack McKeon said. "And I see we brought a few Cubs fans here. They might have felt threatened by us. They wanted to see us go down the tubes real fast."

Florida rallied in the eighth with help from errors by reliever Gary Majewski (0-1), Tony Batista at third, Juan Rivera in right and Andy Chavez in center.

Matt Perisho (5-2) was the winner in relief.

"It's an unusual situation," McKeon said. "We couldn't control the hurricane or the will of God or what he wanted to toss our way. We have to accept it, go on and think nothing about it."

Mets 9-1, Braves 7-7: J.D. Drew had four hits and three RBIs, and Paul Byrd (7-5) pitched eight strong innings in the nightcap, helping Atlanta earn a doubleheader split at Shea Stadium.

The NL East-leading Braves

sent the Mets to their 20th loss in 23 games.

In the first game, Mike Piazza, Wilson Delgado and Richard Hidalgo homered, pinch-hitter Craig Brantley came through with a go-ahead double and the Mets rallied for the win. Aaron Heilman (1-1) earned his first major league victory in more than a year.

Padres 9, Dodgers 7: At Los Angeles, Phil Nievins homered twice and drove in four runs, and David Wells (11-7) won his fifth straight decision despite giving up a season-high three homers.

The NL West-leading Dodgers sent their lead drop to 4½ games over idle San Francisco, while the Padres moved within two games of the Giants in the wild-card race.

Cubs 7, Pirates 2: Sammy Sosa homered for the first time in more than two weeks and Derrek Lee drove in three runs to help the Cubs moved within a half-game of San Francisco in the wild-card race with a home victory.

Moises Alou and Neifi Perez also homered for the Cubs. Greg Maddux (14-9) scattered five hits over seven scoreless innings.

Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 2: Vinny Castilla reached 300 career homers and 1,000 RBIs with two of Colorado's five home runs, and the visiting Rockies dealt Arizona its 101st loss of the season and 10th in 11 games.

Luis Gonzalez hit a three-run homer off Arizona starter Casey Fossum (4-13), and Castilla, Jeremy Burnitz and Brad Hawpe added solo shots off reliever Lance Cormier.

The paid attendance was a franchise-record low of 22,070.

Reds 4, Phillies 3: At Cincinnati, Jason LaRue drove in the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice grounder in the eighth and the Reds snapped Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

Torre left speechless by blowout loss in K.C.

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Torre was left speechless by the New York Yankees' latest embarrassing loss.

Two weeks ago, when Cleveland shocked the top team in the AL with a 22-0 clobbering, the Yankees manager called his players to a meeting.

But after the Kansas City Royals scored 10 runs in the fifth inning of a 17-8 rout Monday night, Torre decided just to let it go.

"I don't know what I would say to them," Torre said. "We didn't pitch very well. We know we can score runs, but in order to win you need to pitch. It was not a good day."

John Buck hit a three-run homer and Angel Berroa had two hits and scored twice in the fifth inning.

The Royals sent 15 men to the plate against four pitchers in the biggest inning against the Yankees since Boston scored 11 in a 13-7 victory on May 31, 1998.

It was the second double-digit inning in a week for the Royals, the AL's losingest team. They scored 11 in the third inning of a 26-5 victory Thursday over the Detroit Tigers.

On Monday, Kansas City scored on a walk, a balk, two wild pitches, a home run and three singles and dropped New York's lead to three games in the AL East over Ichiro Suzuki.

Berroa wound up with five hits and scored five runs and Buck also had a single and two doubles and a career-best five RBIs for

AL Roundup

the Royals, who had lost six in a row to the Yankees and beaten them only twice in their last 10 meetings at home.

Brian Anderson (4-11) went six innings and gave up nine hits and three runs.

Orioles 9, Blue Jays 1: Bruce Chen won for the first time in more than two years, and Rafael Palmeiro homered during visiting Baltimore's five-run opening inning.

Chen (4-10) allowed just five hits and a run in the first carefully complete game and first victory since April 21, 2002, for Montreal against the New York Mets.

Twins 5, Tigers 3: Lew Ford homered and drove in two runs and seven hits in seven innings, and Brad Radke, helping Minnesota complete a four-game sweep in Detroit.

Radke (11-7) allowed runs and seven hits in seven innings, and Joe Nathan got the final out for his 43rd save in 46 chances.

Jason Johnson (8-14) allowed four runs and three earned runs and 10 hits in seven innings.

Angels 5, Mariners 1: Kelvin Escobar (10-10) pitched seven strong innings and Garret Anderson hit a three-run homer.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki was hitless — 0-for-4 with a walk — and the third in four games. Rookie Cha Seung Baek (1-3) was the loser.

Howe's job status shaky

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If the free-falling New York Mets have already decided to fire manager Art Howe, he wants to be let go immediately instead of after the season.

"Why put me through this?" he said Monday. "I'd rather have it happen now. There's no sense in waiting."

The Daily News reported Monday that Mets owner Fred Wilpon was persuaded to fire Howe at the end of the season during a meeting of club executives last Friday.

Mets General Manager Jim Duquette said no decision had been made yet on Howe's future with the team, but he never guaranteed the manager would be back next year, either.

"I don't have much to add other than it's an ongoing process," Duquette said. "Obviously, the organization, we've all frustrated because we haven't played the way we wanted. Obviously, the frustration goes all the way up to the front office."

If the Mets fire Howe after this season, they would still owe him \$4.7 million. He signed a \$9.4 million, 4-year contract with New York before the 2003 season.

Giambi finishes rehab stint

RICHMOND, Va. — New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi went 0-for-4 in his final rehabilitation game with Columbus on

Briefs

Monday night, going 2-for-16 with four strikeouts in the Clippers' five-game series loss to Richmond in the International League seasonfinals.

The five-time All-Star is recovering from a benign tumor and hasn't played for the Yankees since July 23.

He's expected to rejoin the Yankees, but wasn't sure if he's ready to play.

"It's tough to tell," he said. "I came out from scratch."

Garciaparra out another week

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra was miss at least five more days after tests showed he has a moderate strain of his right groin.

Garciaparra left Saturday's game in the fifth inning after rejoining the groin, which had been bothering him for several days.

Jays re-sign Of Catalanotto

TORONTO — Outfielder Frank Catalanotto and the Toronto Blue Jays agreed Monday to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract extension through 2006.

Catalanotto will make \$2.7 million in each of the next two seasons. He hit .293 with one home run and 26 RBIs in 75 games before a season-ending groin injury sidelined him Aug. 23.

Rangers' Francisco throws chair into stands

Reliever arrested, charged with battery; fan hospitalized with broken nose

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas reliever Frank Francisco was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of aggravated battery after he



Francisco

threw a chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during Monday night's loss to the Oakland Athletics.

One of the fans, an unidentified woman, was bloodied and her nose was broken. Major League Baseball's commissioner's office said Tuesday morning that it was investigating. Francisco was cooperative after he was taken into custody, Oakland Police Department deputy chief Peter Dunbar said.

With two outs in the ninth inning, the Rangers' Alfonso Sori-

ano tied the game 5-5 with his second homer of the night. Moments later, with Hank Block at the plate, the Texas bench and bullpen cleared.

After the game, Rangers manager Bob Showalter said the fans "went over the line."

"It was a real break from the normal trash you hear from fans. We've had problems about every time we've come here," he said.

On Tuesday, Texas owner Tom Hicks issued an apology.

"On behalf of the Texas Rangers, I want to apologize for the conduct of some members of our club last night in Oakland. Their behavior, especially the injury to a fan, was unacceptable. Even in a difficult or abusive environment, players should never be provoked into such actions," Hicks said in a statement, adding that he had been in contact with the commissioner's office.

Texas reliever Doug Brocail was seen screaming at a male fan, and the pitcher had to be restrained by his teammates and bullpen coach Mark Connor. Oth-



THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE/AP

Members of the Texas Rangers are restrained by security following a skirmish between the players and fans in the stands in the ninth inning against the Oakland Athletics on Monday night in Oakland, Calif.

ers also had to be held back.

Francisco threw the chair at a fan in a lower box near the Rangers' bullpen along the right-field line. The chair hit one man in the head, then bounced and struck

the woman on her left temple.

Security ran to the scene and a small section of fans was cleared from their seats.

A's manager Ken Macha came across the field to speak to Dave

Rinetti, vice president of stadium operations, before play resumed 19 minutes later.

There was talk between the umpires and managers of suspending the game, clearing the stands and forfeiting the game.

The Athletics won 7-6 in the 10th inning.

"From what I understand, there were some calls made to security early during the game but I have no idea what started it out there," crew chief Joe Brinkman said.

Rinetti said afterward that the woman was being treated at a hospital for facial cuts and a broken nose. Francisco was escorted by police out an alternate stadium exit after the game and into a car waiting on the field.

Rangers officials did not return calls Tuesday morning.

Brocail declined to comment, and Francisco wasn't around the locker room afterward.

Francisco, 25, was the American League rookie of the month for August, when he was 3-0 with a 1.69 ERA.

The teams were scheduled to meet again Tuesday in Oakland.

Bonds' pursuit of Aaron goes through Milwaukee

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

BARRY BONDS always prefers to reach his milestones at home. With the San Francisco Giants on the road for the next three games, hitting his 700th homer in the city where Hank Aaron began his pursuit of the career home run record would be almost as special.

After hitting home run No. 699 in his final at-bat Sunday in Arizona, Bonds' first shot at 700 was scheduled to come on Tuesday night, when the Giants opened a three-game series at Milwaukee.

"That would be nice," Bonds said. "I'll wait and see what happens. I've just got to focus on the next game against Milwaukee — you know, kind of get a feel of what's going on out there first. I don't know what's going to happen."

Eleven-game winner Doug Davis was to start the opener for the Brewers — and the left-hander is one of 414 pitchers to surrender a homer to the 40-year-old Bonds during the slugger's 19-year career. Bonds entered Tuesday's game 1-for-3 with two walks against Davis.

As hard as it's been for Bonds to get hittable pitches lately, he's more focused on the wild-card race, which the Giants led going into Milwaukee. Bonds keeps reminding everybody

that his accomplishments are going to mean less to him later if he never wins a World Series ring.

The Giants fell six outs short in 2002, losing to Anaheim in seven games.

"The excitement is just the fact that we're still in this whole thing right now and all of you guys voted us to be second to last. That's what's gratifying," he said.

Bonds is third on the career homers list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Aaron, who hit 420 of his 755 homers while playing for the Milwaukee Braves and Brewers.

Bonds has 41 home runs this season, but getting them is becoming increasingly difficult as he

sees fewer and fewer pitches to hit. He walked twice Sunday, upping his record total to 203 this year.

"If you don't start your car eventually, the battery goes dead," Bonds said. "I'm sitting over there just rooting for everybody and, hopefully, we're staying in this thing, but my car's got to start, too, once in a while."

Bonds has been so busy dealing with questions about his pursuit of Ruth and Aaron, it's almost as if everybody has forgotten about him when this season began.

Bonds' personal trainer and longtime friend, Greg Anderson, is one of four men charged in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that federal prosecutors say supplied dozens of professional athletes with banned substances. They have pleaded not guilty.

Giants manager Felipe Alou has praised Bonds for his ability to stay focused.

"This guy will never get out of his mood or his program or his way of doing things," Alou said. "Never. Nothing will move that guy."

Bonds wanted to get to 700 during the team's last home stand. He hit career homer No. 690 — to the godfather Willie Mays — and also 661 at home earlier this season.

He also hit his 500th homer in San Francisco in 2001, and later that season broke Mark McGwire's single-season record by hitting Nos. 71-73 at home the final weekend of the season.

Aaron believes Bonds will pass him soon enough.

"I think it's just a matter of time — maybe a year, two years," Aaron said. "I think he

Just love that home cooking

With the Giants playing the next three games on the road, Barry Bonds was scheduled to get his first shot at 700 home runs Tuesday in Milwaukee. Bonds has reached many of his home run milestones in his home ballpark.

HR	DATE	PITCHER	OPP	LOCATION
1	June 4, 1986	Craig McMurtry	Braves	Atlanta
100	July 12, 1990	Andy Benes	Padres	Pittsburgh
200	June 8, 1993	Jose DeLeon	Phillies	Philadelphia
300	April 27, 1996	John Burkett	Marlins	San Francisco
400	Aug. 23, 1996	Jerry Ojeda	Marlins	Florida
500	April 17, 2001	Terry Adams	Dodgers	San Francisco
600	Aug. 9, 2002	Clayton Kershaw	Pirates	San Francisco
660	April 12, 2004	Matt Kinney	Brewers	San Francisco

*Played for Pittsburgh Pirates from 1986 through 1992.

SOURCE: Major League Baseball

AP

will. I'll be happy. Everybody will be after him then. They won't be involving me. Records are made to be broken."

Bonds has 19 career homers against Milwaukee, including four at Miller Park, which opened in 2001. He has also walked 52 times and has a .373 average against the Brewers.

If the Brewers don't pitch to him, Bonds almost certainly will do it when the Giants return to San Francisco on Friday to begin a nine-game homestand with three games against the San Diego Padres.

Opposing managers are asked daily whether they plan to pitch to the six-time NL MVP, and the answer is usually no.

Colorado skipper Clint Hurdle said he owed it to the men in his clubhouse to give them the best chance to win, and pitching to Bonds wouldn't do that.

Hurdle did allow the Rockies to

throw a handful of hittable pitches to Bonds last week at Coors Field, but for the most part his club has been most successful this season by issuing free passes to Bonds and making the Giants' other batters beat them.

His teammates have been successful enough batting behind him that Bonds is second in the majors with 115 runs scored.

"Regardless if you do well or you don't do well, you want to participate in your team's success or failure," he said. "That's what's more important — to go out there and compete and be able to take on the chin or punch someone on the chin, whichever one comes first. It's hard at times, and I think our team has been doing well and we've been handling it pretty well."

Associated Press sports writers Ron Blum and Mel Reiser contributed to this story.

Barry Bonds has 41 home runs this season and a record 203 walks.

AP



Florida State will stick with Rix

Despite poor performance at Miami, Bowden says QB is still the starter

From wire reports

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Chris Rix will remain Florida State's starting quarterback despite a dreadful performance in last week's loss at Miami.

College football briefs

Coach Bobby Bowden announced his decision during a booster luncheon on Monday.

Rix, who is Bowden's first four-year starter, became Division I-A's only quarterback to go 0-5 against one school after failing to lead the offense to a touchdown on Friday night's 16-10 overtime loss at the Orange Bowl.

"I thought about it all night and all the next day and all the next night and talked it over with our coaches and everything," Bowden said after practice Monday night. "We felt like he's really got the kids behind him."

"Four years ago [the players] were not behind him. I think the wise thing to do is start him and see if he can't get back to his old self." Rix completed 12 of 28 passes for 108 yards, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles, including one in overtime on Friday. He ranks 10th in the Atlantic Coast Conference's passing statistics with a 61.0 efficiency ranking.

"It's way too early to panic," added Bowden, who has spent most of the past three autumns defending Rix, who has a record of

24-11 in four seasons with the Seminoles. "It's not time."

Also on Monday, Florida State said an injury revealed guard Matt Meinroth has a torn knee ligament and will miss the rest of the season. Florida State is scheduled to host Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday night.

RB Dennis rejoins Southern Cal

LOS ANGELES — Hershel Dennis, the starting tailback for national champion Southern California last season, returned to the Trojans on Monday after sitting out two games for violating team rules.

USC coach Pete Carroll said he was uncertain whether Dennis would travel with the top-ranked team for Saturday's game at BYU. "We've taken care of our situation," Carroll said. "We welcome him back. I know he's a great competitor. During this week of practice, we'll see how he fits in."

Dennis, a 5-foot-11, 200-pound junior, was USC's second-leading rusher last season, gaining 661 yards on 137 carries with three touchdowns. Dennis divided time, tailback with then-freshmen LenDale White and Reggie Bush a year ago, with the trio combining for 1,936 rushing yards.

Michigan's RB situation is unsettled

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After a woeful 30-carry, 56-yard rushing performance Saturday night, Underwood said he did not participate in a light workout on Sunday.

Lloyd Carr said Monday that the starting tailback spot is up for grabs. This comes two weeks after he had declared senior David Underwood the clear-cut starter.

"Obviously, our ineffectiveness running the football put us in a lot of down-and-distance situations that led to doing a poor job on third down," Carr said of his team's 28-20 loss in South Bend. "We have to get this running game going."

Underwood was anything but spectacular against Miami of Ohio, accumulating 61 yards on 22 carries. Against Notre Dame, Underwood was knocked out of the game and did not return after suffering a mild concussion while throwing a block on the second play from scrimmage.

Underwood had been getting most of the carries in practice, so his absence threw the Wolverines' running attack out of whack, Carr said.

Sophomore Jerome Jackson stepped in to replace the 32 yards on 15 carries, sophomore Pierre Rembert gained 23 yards on four attempts, freshman Michael Hart rushed five times for 17 yards, and fullback Kevin Dudley ran once for 4 yards.

Carr said he's not sure who will start Saturday against San Diego State.

The extent of Underwood's injury remains unknown. Carr said Underwood did not participate in a light workout on Sunday.

Cal-So. Miss postponed by hurricane

The Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Hurricane Ivan forced postponement of Thursday night's game between No. 10 California and Southern Mississippi.

"Our utmost concern at this point is the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, staff, fans and community," Southern Miss athletic director Richard Giannini said in a statement Monday night. "We don't know the exact path of the hurricane or the potential damage it may cause and had planned to make a decision Tuesday morning."

Cal athletic director Steve Gladstone issued a statement earlier Monday saying the game had been postponed and would probably be rescheduled in December.

Southern Miss officials said the makeup date will be announced by Wednesday.

Possibilities include Saturday or Dec. 4, the only remaining weekend neither team has a game scheduled, said Southern Miss senior associate athletic director David Hansen.

Play the
NFL Challenge
WIN CASH!
Mondays in Stars and Stripes
and on Oconus.com




Codman T-shirts, Socks & Underwear
Specially designed for military personnel
www.sweatitout.com
+1-810-722-5040

Ibis tek
GSM Cell Phone Jammer
Model 735TC Vehicle System



Designed specifically with the intent to prevent the operation of cellular telephones from being used as remote detonators for explosive devices. Since GSM does not use paired offset transmit and receive channels the standard sweep frequency jammer are less than 60 percent efficient in preventing a signal from getting through. This unit uses a different waveform to sweep both up and down in frequency in a single cycle and the waveform is repeated several thousand times a second. Additionally the white noise is used to modulate the output waveform with an additional pseudorandom tone that changes frequency 16 times a second and is also swept through the entire bandwidth at several thousand times per second to give the Bursaw modulation that is used in high end military jamming systems.

Features: Disrupts all GSM Cell frequencies 900-960 MHz and 1800-2100 MHz. Mounts on back of front passenger or driver seat. 100 Meter operational range and connects directly to FM/RV batteries under seat or in 12V vehicle adapter in other vehicles. Wavelength section mount antenna for non-metallic vehicles and magnetic mount antenna for metallic vehicles and SUV's. Operates continuously when connected to vehicle battery power and will not disrupt operation of military radios and communication devices. Internal Power systems are all switching supplies with near 90% efficiency to insure a constant power output on the battery voltage varies. RF output does not harm humans.

www.ibisteck.com
TBuckner@ibisteck.com
912 Pittsburgh Road • Butler, PA 16002

Hope abounds for the Bruins after streak-busting victory

BY KEN PETERS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Heading into the season, UCLA coach Karl Dorrell thought the Bruins were underrated.

He still does.

The Bruins won for the first time in almost a year when they beat Illinois 35-17 on Saturday. The victory ended a six-game losing streak that included a season-opening 31-20 loss to Oklahoma State.

"As I said earlier, we're a much better team than what people thought. But that's OK," Dorrell said Monday. "We're going to keep proving ourselves week after week and keep playing hard and improving."

The Bruins can prove something Saturday in Seattle, where they open Pac-10 play against the Washington Huskies. UCLA was picked to finish eighth in the conference in a preseason poll by reporters, one notch below Washington.

"We took a good step last week and we have one more step to take this week," Dorrell said.

He found a lot like in the Bruins' victory at Illinois, including improvement in the young defensive line that was porous in the loss to Oklahoma State.

"Our defense came up with a fourth-down stop that really catapulted our defense and our offense and set the tone for the rest of the day," the coach said. "The offense came back and had a great drive to go down and score, and everything was falling into place."

After Illinois took the opening kickoff and marched down the field, the Bruins' defense stopped tailback E.B. Halsey on fourth and one from UCLA's 4-yard line.

"It was good to see our players give that type of response, to play as well as they needed to in critical situations," Dorrell said.

The Bruins then drove 96 yards to score, with Drew Olson throwing a 41-yard scoring pass to Craig Bragg for a 7-0 lead. Bragg, who later had a 14-yard touchdown reception, was impressed by the Bruins' improvement on defense.

"The defense has definitely stepped up. They did a great job of creating turnovers (three by Illinois). If they can keep causing a couple of turnovers a game and we can hold onto the ball, we should be hard to beat," Bragg said.

Linebacker Spencer Havner, who had 17 tackles after logging 16 in the opener, said, "From Oklahoma State to Illinois, we made a huge jump."

A junior who's been starting since he was a freshman, Havner also blocked a field goal and broke up a pass against the Illinois.

The Bruins' offense also played well, with Olson throwing a career-high three touchdowns.

"He engineered some great drives, threw the ball away when he needed to, ran for 29 yards," Dorrell said. "He's playing exactly the way we want."

UCLA's rushing attack was productive for the second game in a row. Maurice Drew rushed for 142 yards and one touchdown, and Manuel White ran for 97 yards and another score.



UCLA's Drew Olson completed 14 of 21 passes for 208 yards and a career-high three touchdowns during the Bruins' 35-17 victory at Illinois on Saturday. UCLA plays at Washington this Saturday.

Who are the Ryder Cup heavyweights?

While the Americans pull rank in the world order, the Euros have won six of nine matches

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

A tale of the tape points to an early knockout in the Ryder Cup.

Five Americans have won major championships, the best measure of poise under pressure. Europe doesn't have a major champion on its team for the first time in the past 10 matches.

The Americans have seven players among the top 15 in the world.

Europe has two. U.S. captain Hal Sutton snatched a sheet of paper from the table and scanned down the list of world rankings, indisputable evidence that his team is deep, talented and should be favored again to win the Ryder Cup, just like it is every other year these two continents get together.

One problem: Europe has captured the cup six of the past nine times, and its dominance would be even greater if not for Justin Leonard making a 45-foot birdie putt to cap off an improbable comeback at Brookline five years ago.

Anyone who thinks the Americans should be favored hasn't been paying attention.

"Everybody always speculates as to why the Europeans fight above their weight, and why the Americans look like heavyweights and fight like featherweights," Sutton said.

"They add up the world ranking, and when you look at the U.S. versus Europe, it's pretty lopsided," he said. "But one great thing about the game of golf is that David beats Goliath sometimes."

It's become hard to figure out who is who.

"Are we the underdogs?" Phil Mickelson said. "That's a good question. They bring out their best game in the event, and we have not in years past."

The Americans will try to change that in the 35th Ryder

Cup matches, which start Friday at Oakland Hills in the Detroit suburbs, the course Ben Hogan referred to as a "monster" when he won the 1951 U.S. Open.

The United States used to be a beast in this biennial affair, winning 13 consecutive times from 1959 to 1985. The Americans lead the series 24-8-2 since the matches began in 1927.

"They have always been the favorites," Sergio Garcia said. "But it's all about coming together and playing good golf. And we've been able to raise our bar for that week the last several years."

Europe might not have to play over its head this time. While the U.S. again has strong credentials on paper, the teams look evenly matched for the first time since Europe's "Fab Five" — Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Ian Woosnam, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle — started to struggle in its favor two decades ago.

Both teams have five Ryder Cup rookies. Both teams have only five players who have won this year. Both teams have a captain's pick who won the week after he was selected — Stewart Cink at the NEC Invitational, Luke Donald at the European Masters in Switzerland.

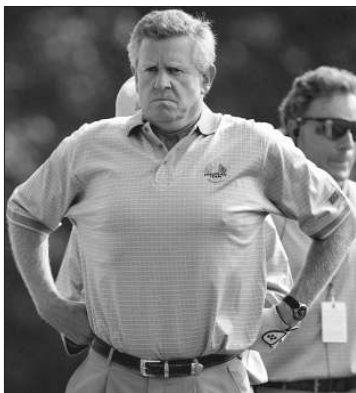
The one advantage for the Americans is playing at home, where it has lost the Ryder Cup just twice in the 77-year history of the matches — in 1987 at Muirfield Village and in 1995 at Oak Hill.

Oakland Hills is no longer the monster it once was; 7,077 yards at a par-70 is not as daunting with today's technology. The key has always been keeping the ball below the hole on the severely contoured greens.

"Our team has incredible putters," Mickelson said.

Even so, Mickelson knows as well as anyone that nothing goes according to plan in the Ryder Cup.

Two years ago at the Belfry, the United States was in position to win the Ryder Cup by forging a tie at 8 going into the Sunday singles matches, which it usually dominates. But Mickelson was beaten by Phillip Price of Wales, the 119th-ranked player in the world, in a pivotal match that sent



Competing in his seventh Ryder Cup, Europe's Colin Montgomerie has more experience in the biennial event than anyone else at Oakland Hills this week. The Scot has a career record of 16-7-5 in the matches.

Europe to the most lopsided victory (15½-12½) since 1985.

It was another example that while the United States brings stars to the Ryder Cup, Europe creates them.

Not many knew David Gilford

"Everybody always speculates as to why the Europeans fight above their weight, and why the Americans look like heavyweights and fight like featherweights. ... But one great thing about the game of golf is that David beats Goliath sometimes."

Hal Sutton

U.S. captain

of England until he won three points, including one of the four singles matches that went Europe's way on the final hole at Oak Hill to win the cup.

Costantino Rocca knocked off two strong tandems — Mickelson and Davis Love III, then Love and Fred Couples — before whipping Tiger Woods in singles at Valde-rara in 1997. And in the most recent victory, Paul McGinley ral-

lied from 2 down to beat Jim Furyk, making an 8-foot par putt on the 18th hole to clinch the cup.

"Out of the shadows comes heroes," European captain Sam Torrance said that day.

How many more guys like that

are out there? "We're completely happy to be the underdogs," Lee Westwood said. "But if you look at the results week in and week out, we do as well as the Americans. As a European team, we expect to go to the Ryder Cup and win it. As a team, we tend to perform all the way through, and not just rely on any one individual."

The one player always under the spotlight is Woods, and it usually causes him to sweat in the Ryder Cup. While he loves the competition and the camaraderie in the team room, Woods has never embraced the hoopla of the week, and his record bears that out.

He is 5-8-2 in the Ryder Cup, and he already has had eight partners in 12 team matches.

Sutton called out Woods not long after he was appointed captain, challenging him to live up to his reputation as the No. 1 player in the world. However, Woods is

Rosters

United States

Chad Campbell (15th, 0-0-0)
Stewart Cink (12th, 1-2-0)
Chris DiMarco (17th, 0-0-0)
Fred Funk (57th, 0-0-0)
Jim Furyk (10th, 3-6-2)
Jay Haas (23rd, 3-4-1)
Davis Love III (15th, 8-4-0)
Phil Mickelson (fourth, 8-5-3)
Kenny Perry (44th, 0-0-0)
Chris Riley (38th, 0-0-0)
David Toms (22nd, 3-1-1)
Tiger Woods (second, 5-2-2)
Captain: Hal Sutton

Europe

Paul Casey, England (28th, 0-0-0)
Barry Clarke, Ireland (36th, 4-2-2)
Luke Donald, England (35th, 0-0-0)
Sergio Garcia, Spain (11th, 6-1-1)
Padraig Harrington, Ireland (eighth, 3-3-1)
David Howell, England (66th, 0-0-0)
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain (21st, 1-2-2)
Thomas Levet, France (43rd, 0-0-0)
Paul McInley, Ireland (64th, 0-1-2)
Colin Montgomerie, Scotland (60th, 16-7-5)
Ian Poulter, England (58th, 0-0-0)
Lee Westwood, England (42nd, 1-0-1)
Captain: Bernhard Langer, Germany

Note: World ranking and Ryder Cup record in parenthesis.

no longer the No. 1 player, replaced last week by Vijay Singh after five years at the top of the ranking.

Of greater concern is that Woods has only one victory this year, and that was seven months ago in the Match Play Championship. As a professional, he has never gone the deep end of a year with only one victory worldwide, and he no longer carries an intimidating presence.

Then again, maybe that's what this U.S. team needs — subtle reminders it is no longer the best.

Europe has reason to believe it can go home with the gold chalice. While it has no major champions for the first time since 1981, and Ryder Cup stalwart Colin Montgomerie had to rely on being a captain's pick, several of its players have been in top form for several months.

Miguel Angel Jimenez is a four-time winner in Europe. Thomas Levet looked sharp winning the Scottish Open and contending in the British Open. Donald has won twice in the past two months. Garcia, at 24 already playing in his third Ryder Cup, is a two-time winner on the PGA Tour.

"We have far more depth on the European team now than we ever had before," said Langer, the European captain.

The matches have been extraordinarily close — seven of the past nine Ryder Cups have been decided by two points or fewer, one of those ending in a tie (1989).

Even though the Americans have one major title and players with higher world rankings, and even though they will have a raucous crowd behind them for three days at Oakland Hills, Sutton knows who to expect.

"Right now, I'll settle for a win," he said. "The European team is always up to the challenge. They seem to play above their weight. But the Americans are going to be up to the challenge. We're going in there on a mission, and we're not going to settle for a tie."

If they pull it off, some might call that an upset.

Facts and figures

Where: Friday-Sunday, Oakland Hills Country Club (South course), Bloomington, Mich.

Course facts: 7,077 yards, par-70. Designed by Donald Ross and employing Walter Hagen as its first professional, Oakland Hills enjoyed prestige from its opening in 1918. It's one of the first to host six U.S. Opens. Oakland Hills also has hosted two PGA Championships and two U.S. Senior Opens and the 2002 U.S. Amateur.

Format: Team match play, featuring four matches each of four-rounds and four-ball on each of the first two days, capped with 12 singles matches on Sunday. Partners alternate shots in four-rounds; in four-ball each plays his own ball and the better of the two scores on each hole is counted. Each match counts one point, with half-points given if a match ends tied. In the event of a 14-14 deadlock, the reigning cup holder (Europe) keeps the trophy.

Series: United States leads 24-8-2. United States 2002: Europe 15½, United States 12½ at the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, England.

Changes: The only significant change since the 2002 U.S. Amateur is construction of a new line box to shorten the par-4 5th hole. By turning it into a drive-able 305 yards, the option is there to create a heightened match-play drama.

By Jeff Shain, Knight Ridder



American Jay Haas, 50, is the oldest player on either team. Will he lose to Philip Walton in a singles match in 1995?

AP

Rota roster stocked heading into season

By RUSTY BRYAN
Stars and Stripes

When it comes to the high school golf season, the discrepancy between the haves and the have-nots couldn't be wider.

At one extreme, there's Vilseck, whose new coach, Bob Piccaro, reports that he has only one golfer who's played a round on a course. Worse, it might be a while before any of the other Falcons get to duplicate that feat because the course that the team used at Grafenwiler closed last spring.

At the other end of the spectrum, there's Rota.

Greg Jacobs' Admirals return five golfers who qualified for last season's European Championships, including defending champion Gilbert Mendez and third-place finisher Janus Allard.

Jacobs said the senior duo — along with the rest of the team — might be better this season.

"They've been working at the golf course all summer," Jacobs said Monday by telephone. "Jason's been outdriving me for over a year, and now Gilbert is close to doing it, too."

Filling out Rota's top five are John Orem (14th in the '03 Europeans), Jim Connelly (15th), and Ashley Steyn (23rd). Jacobs said he also has a trio — Elliott Payne, Craig Lamb and Charles Springle — that he thinks will make the Europeans this season.

Jacobs said he glad this year's team will get a chance to see some of the golfers they're likely to see in the final tournament, set



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

2003 DODDS-European girls champion Frances Smythe returns for Würzburg this season.

again at Wiesbaden's Rheinblick golf course on Oct. 14-15.

"I pulled a coup," Jacobs said of persuading the school to fund a trip to England.

"We go to Lakenheath on Sept. 30-Oct. 1," he said. "Lakenheath is always strong, and we'll also play against Wiesbaden and Patch."

Jacobs said his players would come the chance to return to Wiesbaden, a course on which Mendez amassed 81 Stableford points in last year's championship.

"Jason's capable of overpowering a course," Jacobs said, "but Wiesbaden takes the driver out of his hands. He uses a 3-wood off the tee to keep from having the



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Defending boys champ Gilbert Mendez leads a solid top five for Rota.

ball roll into trouble."

Jacobs said he expects Ramstein, with returns Chris Husted, eighth in Europe, and Ryan Bachman, (15th) to lead the way.

"Patch," Jacobs added, "also has some good players." The Panthers are led by European 10th-place finisher Stephen Fey and fellow senior Adam Fugger along with five other golfers who were on last year's Division II championship squad.

Würzburg returns European No. 6 Miles Presnell, and runaway European girls' champion Frances Smythe, reports new coach Tom Tucker.

Heidelberg returns European No. 13 Greg Nylander — and a lot of young players, coach Jim McCauley said.

"We're not near what we have been," he said.

The Lakenheath team could not be reached for comment.

The golfers lead off the fall

DODDS-European golf schedule

Wednesday: Lakenheath, Kaiserslautern and Hanau at Mannheim.

Thursday: Lakenheath, SHAPE at Ramstein and Wiesbaden and Patch at Baumholder.

Friday: Bamberg, Heidelberg and Vilseck at Würzburg.

Sept. 22: Baumholder, Wiesbaden and Mannheim at Kaiserslautern.

Sept. 23: Hanau, Ramstein and SHAPE at Heidelberg and Bamberg, Würzburg and Vilseck at Patch.

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1: Patch, Rota, SHAPE and Wiesbaden at Lakenheath.

Oct. 7: Mannheim and Ramstein at Patch; Kaiserslautern and SHAPE at Baumholder, and Hanau and Wiesbaden at Würzburg.

Oct. 8: Vilseck and Würzburg at Heidelberg.

Oct. 14 and 15: European championships at Wiesbaden.

high school sports parade, with a four-way meet hosted by Mannheim on Wednesday at the Heidelberg Golf Course.

E-mail Rusty Bryan at: bryan@mail.estrupes.osd.mil

Indy 500 makes changes to qualifying

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis 500 will return to four days of qualifying for next year's race, but with a motor speed format on each day.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway President Tony George announced a series of scheduled changes Tuesday, including a new qualifying format that could give each car potentially 12 attempts to enter the 33-car lineup.

Other changes for next year's Indy 500 will have the race's start time pushed back an hour and the Carburetion Day practice will be moved to Friday from the traditional Thursday schedule.

Under the new qualification format, the first 11 positions would be determined on the first day of qualifications; the next 11 on the second day, and the final 11 on the third day. The fourth day will be the traditional bump day, with the slowest qualifiers subject to being bumped from the field, regardless of the day they set their speed.

The speedway has scheduled three days of qualifications for the past several years.

George said the format had

Sports briefs

been considered as early as the 1980s in an attempt to boost attendance throughout qualifications.

"We had seen a decline, but once we had another event here (the NASCAR Brickyard 400), it really impacted our qualification attendance," George said. "We're trying to build excitement on qualification weekends, and we think the aspect of daily bumpings will help us do that."

George said the starting time of the race would be moved from 11 a.m. to noon in hopes of attracting a larger television audience.

BC basketball coach Skinner gets multiyear extension

BOSTON — Basketball coach Al Skinner signed a contract extension that will keep him at Boston College through the 2009-2010 season, the school announced Tuesday.

In seven seasons at BC, Skinner has compiled a 122-95 record, taking the Eagles to the NCAA tournament in 2001, 2002 and 2004.

His best season was in 2000-2001, when BC won a school-record 27 games, winning the Big East's East Division regular-season crown and the Big East Tournament championship.

"We're all very excited that Al Skinner will continue to lead our basketball program," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said.

"Al is a first-class individual who has done an outstanding job with our basketball team and he's done it in a manner in which we can all be very proud."

Lightning re-sign captain Andreychuk

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning re-signed captain Dave Andreychuk to a one-year contract Tuesday.

The signing ended speculation that Andreychuk might retire after winning the Stanley Cup for the first time in his 22-year NHL career. He had been an unrestricted free agent since July 1.

Andreychuk, a center, was signed as a free agent by the Lightning in July 2001 and was named the seventh captain in team history in 2002. He also played for Buffalo, Toronto, New Jersey, Boston and Colorado.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound native of Hamilton, Ontario, is the NHL's career leader in power-play goals and became the 14th player in league history to score 600 career goals.

Last season, the 40-year-old Andreychuk appeared in all 82 games, recording 29 points (21 goals, 8 assists), his highest total since his 1997-98 season with New Jersey. He also had a goal and 13 assists in 23 playoff games.

Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Warriors sign rookie Flores

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rookie guard Luis Flores signed with the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday.

Flores, the leading career scorer at Manhattan, was drafted by the Houston Rockets with the 55th overall pick, then traded to Dallas for the rights to Vassilius Spanoulis.

The Warriors acquired Flores' rights along with forward Eduardo Najera in an eight-player trade that sent center Eric Dampier to the Mavericks on Aug. 24.

Darlington abuzz over chase for Nextel Cup

By PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

Darlington Raceway President Chris Browning wasn't a fan of NASCAR's new championship chase playoff, but after listening to fans, watching tickets sell and knowing the title could be won on his track, Browning has had a change of heart.

"It has definitely created a buzz around here," he said by phone Monday.

The Southern 500, the last one in Nextel Cup history, will be run Nov. 14 at the next to last of the 10 races in the new format.

"And while there's an outside chance someone in the final 10 might win the title by then, Browning says it's more likely Darlington will choose the champion."

With that in mind, fourth-place Tony Stewart and fifth-place Matt Kenseth, whose season-long dominance in winning last year's title partly led to the new system, have scheduled practice at the 1.36-mile track.

On Aug. 24, points leader Jeff Gordon took part in an exhibition when Darlington debuted its lighting system. Track officials say Jimmie Johnson, Gordon's teammate, and the chase's second-place runner, Casey Mears, November test for Darlington the day after the No. 24 car's night laps.

That got Gordon and Johnson much practice on "The Next Top Tough To Tame," Gordon shares the record of five Southern 500s with Dale Yarborough. Johnson took Darlington's final March event this year.

"Jeff seems to have a pretty good handle on Darlington," Browning said. "The way Jimmie would handle it, he would undoubtedly make them two of the top guys."

The others in the top 10 are Dale Earnhardt Jr. (third), Elliott Sadler (sixth), Kurt Busch (seventh), Mark Martin (eighth), Jeremy Busch (ninth) and Ryan Newman (10th).

"When all is said and done, it'll be better for the sport because it brings even more interest" driver Ken Schrader said.

The race will start in the afternoon but most likely finish under the lights. Browning says lighting technicians will make adjustments as needed.

Browning, the former head of defunct North Carolina Speedway, moved into his new home recently. He says the workers were taken by the August light show.

"They kept saying, 'Wow, that's going to be so cool for Darlington,'" he said.

The enthusiasm is reflected in tickets sales — not for November but the track's 2005 date on Mother's Day weekend in May. Browning says ticket renewals to the Saturday night event, the first Nextel Cup race at Darlington under the lights, are tracking ahead of previous springs.

Browns RB Suggs is cleared to practice

Coach Davis disputes report claiming player has stenosis

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns running back Lee Suggs has been cleared by doctors to return to practice this week. However, there is still a stinging about his medical condition.

Cleveland coach Butch Davis said team doctors gave Suggs the OK to resume workouts Wednesday as the Browns (1-0) prepare to play at Dallas (0-1) this week-end.

"Dramatically better," Davis said when asked about Suggs' status. "He has made good strides." Suggs missed Sunday's season opener against Baltimore with a neck stinger he sustained two weeks ago in practice when he fell over an offensive lineman during a drill.

On Monday, Davis challenged a recent ESPN report that said the Browns are being extra cautious with Suggs because he has stenosis, a narrowing of the spine that causes pressure on the cord and nerve roots.

Davis also revealed that Suggs had recently visited a specialist in New York for a further diagnosis. But when Suggs was leaving Virginia Tech to enter the NFL Draft, there were concerns that he had stenosis, Davis said. However, team doctors did not think he had the condition when they examined Suggs at the league combine in Indianapolis.

But after Suggs sustained the stinger Sept. 1, a nerve injury that causes numbness and tingling in the arms, the Browns sent a 24-year-old to see a specialist the next day for another opinion.

"The doctor came back and said those earlier reports out of Virginia Tech are totally erroneous, and that he doesn't have it [stenosis]," Davis said. "He did have the stinger and it did cause weakness in his shoulder."

Davis added that Suggs has gotten back strength in his shoulder but he still needs to improve for doctors to declare him game ready.

"He has to carry the ball and take a blow on the shoulder and when the level of play gets back to enough that he can take a hit and not fumble and not have a recurring issue, they're going to turn him loose to play," Davis said.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players follow by team's prognosis. See the 2nd edition for complete injury report by the league's medical staff.

Villages RB Michael Bennett (sprained) expected to play in 2-3 weeks. **Giants** QB Eli Manning (ruptured) likely out 3-4 weeks.

Buccaners WR Joey Galloway (groin) will miss 2-3 weeks.

Titans G Zach Miller (ruptured) left 3-5 months.

Old legs show life in NFL's first week

By DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

In a week that 11 running backs rushed for more than 100 yards, some of the most interesting stat lines belonged to five guys over 30 but not, apparently, over the hill: Curtis Martin, Marshall Faulk, Emmitt Smith, Priest Holmes and Jerome Bettis.

The best belonged to the 31-year-old Martin, who had 196 yards for the Jets against the Bengals; the most curious to Bettis, 32, who had 1 net yard in five carries in Pittsburgh's 24-21 victory over Oakland, but scored all three of the Steelers' touchdowns.

Smith, seemingly done at 35 after averaging just 2.8 yards per carry for Arizona a year ago, looked like the old Emmitt for Arizona in St. Louis with 16 carries for 87 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown run. Faulk, 31, had 128 yards on 22 carries in that game, a 17-10 victory by the Rams. And the eventual successor, first-round draft pick Steven Jackson, chipped in with seven carries for 50 yards.

Holmes, who will turn 31 in three weeks, had 151 yards on 26 carries in Kansas City's 34-24 win in Denver.

Things like that aren't supposed to happen in a game in which offensive linemen, kickers and quarterbacks sometimes last until 40. Vincy Testaverde threw for 355 yards Sunday — but the wall for running back traditionally has been 30. In fact, Testaverde passed 50 times in part because 30-year-old Eddie George gained just 25 yards on eight carries, a stat that demonstrates why Tennessee let him go.

Will it continue? Educated guess: Martin and Holmes will continue to produce because both are in excellent shape and Holmes has taken fewer hits because he spent three of his four years in Baltimore as a backup.

Faulk has missed 11 games with injuries the past two seasons and has not held up, but the Rams drafted Jackson for that reason.

Smith's continued success is less likely given his recent mediocrity and the fact he plays for a team that is not only bad historically, but also unlucky. He also doesn't have another back to share the workload.

Smith's last 1,000-yard season came in 2001 when he was 32. The next season, he broke



Arizona Cardinals running back Emmitt Smith, who averaged only 2.8 yards a carry last season, rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries in a loss to St. Louis on Sunday.

Walter Payton's career rushing record, but was clearly slowing down, so the Cowboys let him go and he signed with Arizona — as a gate attraction as much as a productive running back.

But new coach Dennis Green gave him the starting job over last year's team rushing leader, Marcel Spivey, even before Spivey was lost for the season with an ankle injury.

"Emmitt can pick holes, he can still do that," Green said after Sunday's game.

Bettis is now a short-yardage specialist with Duke Staley, the Steelers' prime ball carrier.

"You are in a role and you have to do what they ask you to do," Bettis said. "If they want me to come in and stick it in, I have to come in and stick it in."

But all these guys are defying history.

Gale Sayers, Earl Campbell and Terrell Davis had great careers end in their late 30s because of injuries. Some, like George, simply wear down and others walk away, as Jim Brown did at 29 and Barry Sanders at 30.

Even Payton had his last good year at age 32. Smith's career clearly demonstrates why: Going into Sunday's game, he had 4,142 car-

ries and 504 receptions, a total of 4,646 touches and hits. And he missed six games last season with a broken shoulder.

That's why Holmes has the best shot at having another stellar season — in his light early workload.

The two most productive backs in their mid-30s, Otis Anderson and Marcus Allen, did so in part because they had a lot of time off mid-career.

Anderson, seemingly at the end at 29, was obtained by the Giants as insurance for Joe Morris during their 1986 Super Bowl run.

Morris played a couple of years, then Anderson resurfaced in 1989 after just 91 carries in three years and ended up as MVP in the 1991 Super Bowl at 34.

Allen, MVP of the 1984 title game for the Raiders, had a falling out with Raiders owner Al Davis, who ordered him benched, so he played very little from 1989-92. Then he resurfaced his career at age 33 in Kansas City and played productively enough for five years there that it helped him get elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

But running backs with that kind of longevity are rare.

"I never expected anything like that. It really turned my head," NFL scouting consultant Gil Brandt said Monday of the big days by the aging backs.

Whether it continues for 16 games is another question.

QB debuts: The two No. 1 overall picks in the 2004 NFL Drafts, Carson Palmer and Eli Manning, made their debuts Sunday.

After not taking a snap as a rookie for the Bengals, Palmer started against the Jets and did fine — 18-for-27 for 248 yards and two TDs before he threw an interception that stopped what would have been a game-tying drive in the final two minutes.

Still, it was more the fault of the defense (see Curtis Martin) that the Bengals lost.

Manning came in on the fourth quarter with the Giants trailing 31-10 in Philadelphia. His first play was a major success, a handoff to T. J. Duckett, who ran 72 yards for a touchdown.

He was 3-for-9 for 66 yards and got a taste of real life in the NFL on the Giants' last offensive play, when Jerome McDougle smacked him hard to the ground. Manning got up slowly, shaking his head.

Seahawks' Alexander thinks he'll play this week

The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander has a bone bruise on his right knee, but could play in this week's game at Tampa Bay.

"It might be a week or two," coach Mike Holmgren said Monday day. "There's a chance he can play this week. We'll just have to see how he goes."

Said Alexander: "I'm a fast healer. I'll be all right."

An MRI exam disclosed the injury, which was reported as a bone bruise sprain during Seattle's 21-7 win Sunday at New Orleans. Alexander rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries, ran for two touchdowns and caught a TD pass.

Doctors told him he was fortunate no ligaments were torn. "The knee bone and the leg bone, they smacked into each other and that's not normal," Alexander said. "Everyone said that

NFL briefs

I'm really blessed. Normally, you tear an ACL or an MCL when that happens. Mine didn't."

If Alexander can't play next week, Maurice Morris or Kerry Conner will step in. Holmgren said it won't change his team's preparation.

"We hope he can play, but if he can't then we'll have to go to the next guy," Holmgren said. "I'd expect that man to play well, and that goes for any position on the team."

49ers QB Rattay has separated shoulder

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Quarterback Ken Dorsey is expected to make his first NFL start for the San Francisco 49ers after Tim Rattay was diagnosed with a separated right shoulder Monday.

Coach Dennis Erickson said Dorsey, the former University of Miami star and a seventh-round draft pick in 2003, will start in New Orleans on Sunday unless Rattay's injury heals much more quickly than expected. The 49ers don't know how long Rattay will be hindered by the injury.

"He's ready for it," Holmgren said of Dorsey. "We have a lot of confidence in him, or else we wouldn't do it. It doesn't have to do with anything other than Tim's health."

Rattay was hurt while getting sacked by Atlanta's Rod Coleman in the second quarter of the 49ers' 21-19 loss to the Falcons last Sunday.

Dorsey took over and led two scoring drives in his first NFL action. But after Dorsey got a stinger in his right shoulder late in the third quarter, Rattay returned and led three lengthy drives, throwing two touchdown passes.

An MRI exam on Monday revealed a serious shoulder separation for Rattay, who struggled with a knee injury and a sore forearm during the offseason and training camp of his first year as the 49ers' starter.

Penalties under, defensive holding up in first week

NEW YORK — Although there were fewer penalties overall in the first week of the NFL season, the number of defensive holding calls tripled, presumably because of the new emphasis on calling them.

According to figures from the league's officiating department, there were 218 penalties accepted in the 16 games in Week 1 compared to 240 in the first week of the 2003 season.

However, there were 15 defensive holding calls accepted compared to five last year. Illegal contact calls remained the same, five in each season.

SPORTS



Marlins make themselves
at home in Chicago, rally
to beat Expos, Page 24



Packers add insult to Panthers' injury

Green shreds defending NFC champs for 3 TDs; Smith suffers broken leg

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Everything went right for the Carolina Panthers last season, from lucky bounces to staying injury free.

One game into the new season, all that has changed.

The Panthers became the sixth consecutive team to lose the Super Bowl and then drop their ensuing season opener with a 24-14 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Monday night.

Everything went wrong, from a pair of turnovers that led to 14 Green Bay points, to losing star receiver Steve Smith to a broken leg late in the fourth quarter.

"I might cry a little," Smith said. "But what are you going to do? Last year we didn't have hardly any injuries, and this year I am the first victim."

Alhann Green ran all over the defending NFC champions, scoring three touchdowns and running for 119 yards for the Packers. He never expected to be so successful against a defense that only gave up four individual 100-yard rushing games last season.

"Whatever is called, we just run it and keep pounding away until it works," Green said.

But his effort was draining: He needed intravenous fluids for more than 45 minutes after the game to treat dehydration.

Green scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 6 yards, and caught a 3-yard scoring pass from Brett Favre to pile on the Panthers.

"I was surprised at how well we ran the ball," Favre said. "Our philosophy is we'll wear you down before you wear us down."

The Packers could have had that chance in January, if not for Favre's errant final pass on his first snap in overtime of the divisional playoffs against Philadelphia. The pass was intercepted and set up the Eagles' winning field goal.

Carolina then beat the Eagles to advance to the first Super Bowl in team history.

But the Panthers looked nothing like that team Monday night.

Unable to stop the run or run the ball — the two main principles that carried them all last season — the Panthers were out of sync from the start.

"We didn't get in a groove, and when we did get the opportunities, we didn't make the plays," said Stephen Davis, who ran for just 26 yards. "It's all of us. We've got to get better."

The Panthers also showed just how bad their patchwork offensive line really is. With three starters from last season gone, a rotating group of aging veterans has gamely tried to fill the holes.

They weren't very effective, struggling to open holes or protect Jake Delhomme.

Carolina managed just 38 yards on the ground, and Delhomme often threw his hands up in disgust after hurrying a pass.

"One game doesn't define a season, and I really think we're better than we showed," center Jeff Mitchell said.

The lone bright spot came on Delhomme's 30-yard touchdown pass to Muhsin Muhammad that cut the score to 24-14 with 4:46 to play.



Packers running back Alhann Green (30) is tackled by Panthers linebacker Dan Morgan after a short gain. Green ran for 119 yards and scored three touchdowns as Green Bay dominated the opener Monday night.

SEE INSULT ON PAGE 31

**Europe's recent
dominating run
has made it tough
to point out the
favorite in the
Ryder Cup**

Page 28



ny

**Coughlin redefines
being on time**

Page 31



**Rangers reliever
Francisco arrested
after scuffle
with Oakland fans
leaves woman
with broken nose**

Page 26

Rota is on course for another DODDS golf championship Page 29